

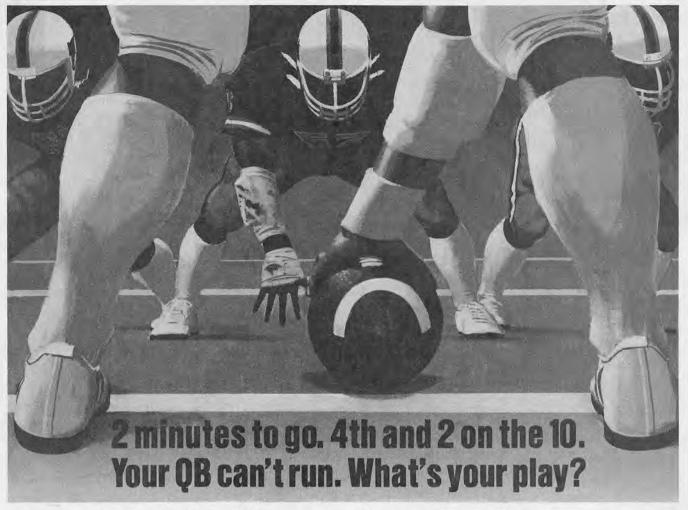
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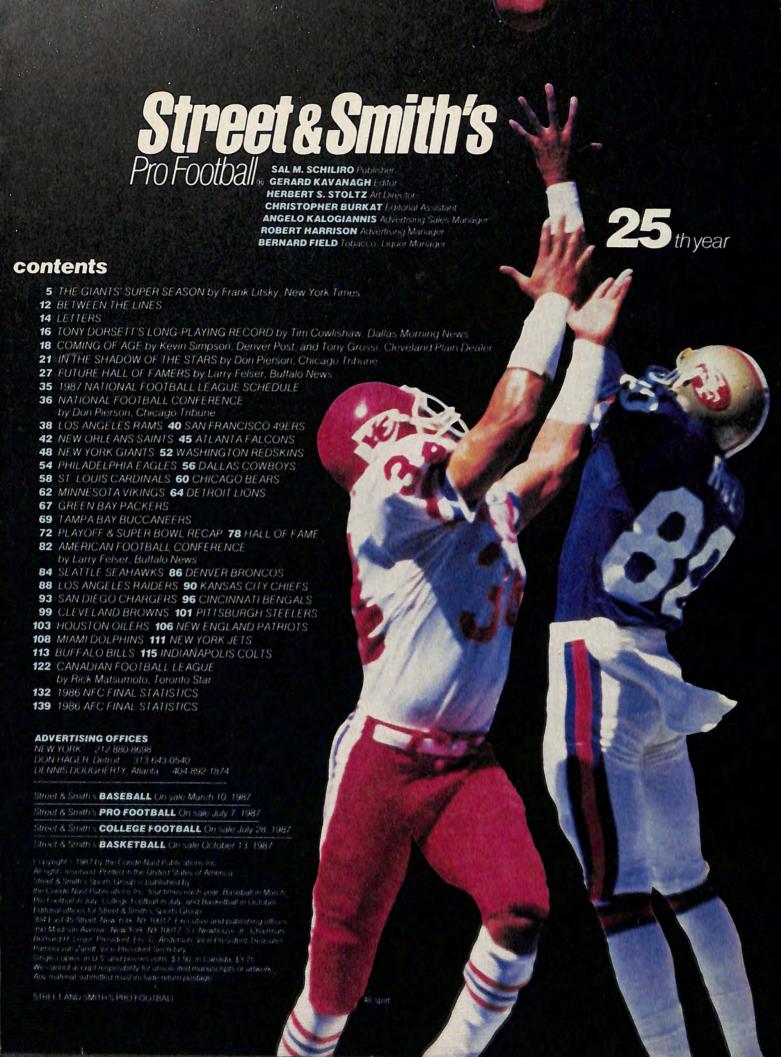
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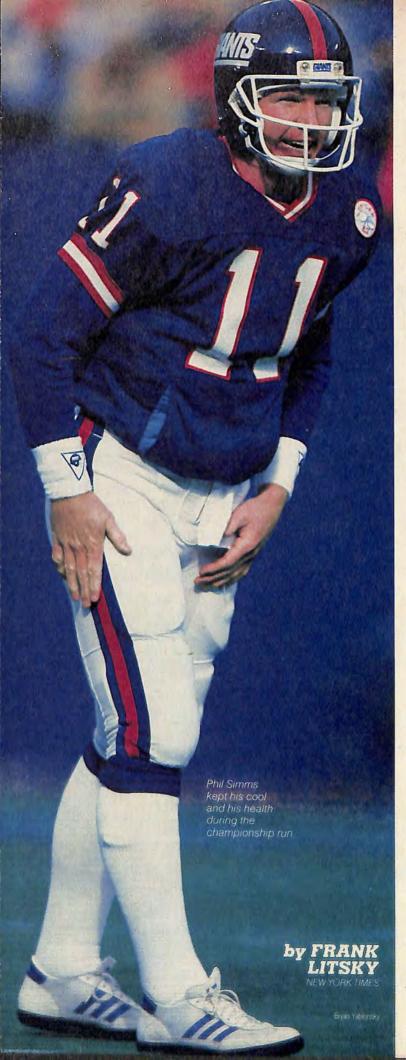
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It was the wee hours of the morning last September 9. On the showcase of Monday night football, the Giants had just lost their season opener to the Cowboys in Dallas, 31–28. The Cowboys scored one touchdown after Phil Simms, the Giants' quarterback, had fumbled away the ball on his 2-yard line. They scored another touchdown when their screen pass caught the Giants in a blitz. Then, with 76 seconds left in the game, the Cowboys fooled the Giants on a trap play, and the newest Cowboy, Herschel Walker, ran 10 yards for the winning touchdown.

Now the Giants' plane had started the long ride back to New Jersey. Coach Bill Parcells sat in a front seat, a drink in his hands, and stared straight ahead. For an hour, he said nothing. Finally, he turned to a Giants' official in the next seat. "I'm not embarrassed," Parcells said quietly. "I'm humiliated. This will

never happen again this season."

He was right. The Giants were never again humiliated or even embarrassed. They won 17 of their 18 remaining games, losing only by 5 points to the Seahawks in Seattle. They finished the regular season with nine straight victories and a 14-2 record, the most victories in their 62-year history. They overran the San Francisco 49ers, 49–3, in their first playoff game. Next they manhandled the Washington Redskins, 17–0, for the National Conference championship. Then they routed the Denver Broncos, 39–20, in Super Bowl XXI as Simms completed 22 of 25 passes, the best passing performance in National Football League playoff history.

The Road to the Super Bowl

Eight seasons before, Giants' fans had rebelled because their team was playing so badly. Now the Giants had won their first NFL championship in 30 years, and in their first trip ever to the Super Bowl they had become champions. The reason were many:

• George Young, the vice president, general manager, and stabilizing force between two owners who did not talk to each other

 Parcells, who became the head coach almost by accident and who almost lost his job after a disastrous rookie season

 Simms, a quarterback alternately vilified as too fragile, too thick-headed, and too erratic

erratic

• A defense as good as any in pro football

 Good health, with Lionel Manuel and Terry Kinard the only injured players of consequence

• Chemistry, the secret ingredient of so many champion teams

The Super Bowl victory was the brightest moment in Giants' history. The darkest moment came in 1978 on a play remembered simply as The Fumble. As it turned out, that nightmare led to the present glory.

The Fumble came in a game in which the Giants were running out the clock on the Philadelphia Eagles. Joe Pisarcik, the Giants' quarterback, wanted simply to fall on the ball. Instead, he was told to hand it off to Larry Csonka. The handoff was fumbled, Herman Edwards of the Eagles scooped it up and ran for a touchdown, and the Eagles won, 19–17.

Those Giants were en route to their sixth straight losing season, and that was too much even for loyal supporters. Before the final home game, angry fans burned tickets. They hanged Wellington Mara, the Giants' president and co-owner, in effigy. And they hired a continued

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small plane that flew over Giants Stadium during the season's final game pulling a banner that read: "15 Yrs. of Lousy Football. We've Had Enough."

Giants' management responded by firing John McVay, the head coach. Andy Robustelli, who ran the front office, departed as planned to return to his travel business, so the Giants needed a general manager and a coach. And Wellington Mara, who had been running the team by himself, suddenly found his nephew, Tim Mara, demanding input. Wellington owned 50 percent of the team. Tim's mother, the widow of Wellington's brother, Jack, owned the other 50 percent. Tim and his part of the family had been content to let Wellington run the show, but now they wanted a voice. Instead, they got an impasse.

General Manager George Young

When Wellington and Tim could not agree on a general manager, they asked Pete Rozelle, the NFL commissioner, for help. The man Rozelle nominated and the Maras accepted was Young, a former offensive tackle with the Baltimore Colts and assistant coach and executive with the Colts and then the Miami Dolphins. Young started his Giants' tenure with two highly successful moves. First, for the head coach, he picked Ray Perkins, the no-nonsense offensive coordinator of the San Diego Chargers. Then, with his first choice in his first draft, he took Simms, an almost obscure quarterback from an almost obscure college (Morehead State in Kentucky).

Since then, Young has made few bad moves. He made a good one in 1982 when, with three games left in the strike-shortened season, word leaked out that Perkins was leaving the Giants after the season to become head coach at his alma mater, the University of Alabama. Young faced a difficult decision. He was angry about Perkins's decision to break his contract and more angry about the timing, and his inclination was to tell Perkins good luck and goodbye. But Young feared that the players would let up for an interim coach in the last three games. And if he named a head coach for the next season and had him take over immediately, he feared that a losing record would lead to a losing attitude the next year

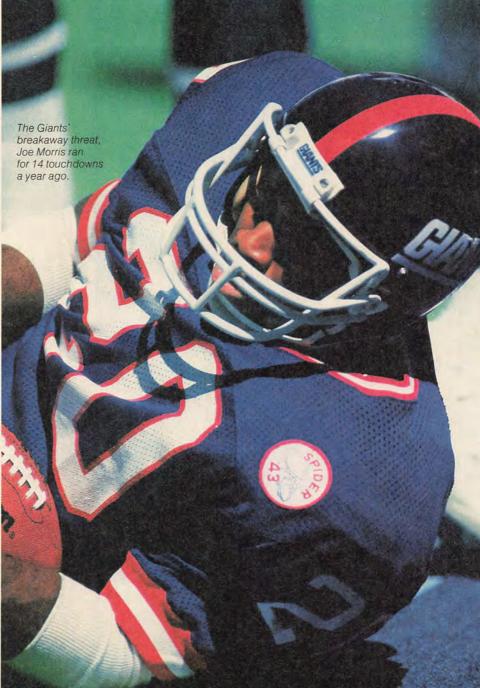
So Young decided to have Perkins finish out the season. He also decided that continuity was important, so the new coach would have to come from the present coaching staff. Young picked Parcells, who was completing his second season as defensive coordinator. Perkins had given Parcells a more or less free reign with the defense and Parcells had done well with it. But Parcells had had only one year as a head coach—in 1978 with the Air Force Academy—and many good NFL assistants had stumbled when they became head coaches.

In his four seasons with the Giants, Perkins had improved the team. He had weeded out players who did not seem to care enough whether they won or lost. He had cut a few suspected of drug use. Parcells continued the remodeling job, but the obstacles almost did him in.

Head Coach Bill Parcells

In 1983, Parcells's rookie season as the Giants' head coach, 25 players went on injured reserve, and Simms, Harry Carson, and Rob Carpenter missed most of the season. Bob Ledbetter, the offensive backfield coach, suffered a fatal stroke. Doug Kotar, the running back who had retired two years before, died of a malignant brain tumor. Parcells's father and mother died. The Giants finished with a 3-12-1 record, and Parcells's job seemed shaky. Young supposedly offered it to Howard Schnellenberger, a former colleague who was then coaching the University of Miami in Florida. Young insisted he did not offer the job to anyone. Instead, he said, he feared Parcells would guit in disgust, and he wanted to know who would be available to replace him.

Parcells stayed, and the Giants improved year by year. In 1984, they were 9-7 and beat the Los Angeles Rams in the playoffs before losing to the 49ers, the eventual Super Bowl champions. In 1985, the Giants were 10-6 and beat the 49ers in the playoffs before losing to the Chicago Bears, the eventual Super Bowl winners. In 1986, the Giants were 3-1 in preseason, 14-2 in the regular season, and 3-0 in the playoffs. There were perilous moments all season. Until December, the Giants seldom blew out an opponent. Instead, they nibbled their way through hairbreadth victories. For example, in the six weeks after their mid-October loss to the Seahawks, they beat the Redskins by 7 points, the Cowboys by 3, the Eagles by 3, the Minnesota Vikings by 2, the Broncos by 3, and the 49ers by 4. continued



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Turning Point of the Season

On November 16, the Giants traveled to Bloomington, Minnesota, to play the Vikings. Though the Giants were 9-2 and the Vikings were struggling to make the playoffs, the Vikings' offense confused the Giants with misdirection plays and their defense kept Joe Morris from exploding for long runs. With 72 seconds remaining and the Vikings clinging to a 20–19 lead, the Giants were on their 48-yard line, facing fourth down with 17 yards to go. If the Giants failed to make a first down on the play, they would surely lose.

"I thought we were finished," said Gary Reasons, the Giants' linebacker.

Not quite. On the sideline, Parcells and two assistant coaches chose a pass play and adlibbed by putting one potential receiver, Phil McConkey, in motion. McConkey distracted a defensive back long enough to allow Simms to complete a 22-yard pass to Bobby Johnson for a first down. With 12 seconds left, Raul Allegre kicked a 33-yard field goal, and the Giants won, 22–20.

The following Sunday against the Broncos, the Giants faced almost the same predicament. With 1:55 left, the Broncos tied the score, and then they seemed about to stop the Giants' comeback attempt. The Giants were on their 18-yard line, facing third and 22. anything short of a first down would give the Broncos the ball in good field position. The gods were with the Giants again. Simms passed 24 yards to Johnson for the first down, and one run and one penalty later he passed 46 yards to McConkey. With six seconds left, Allegre kicked a 34-yard field goal, and the Giants won, 19–16.

Phil Simms and Joe Morris

After that, the Giants won and won and won. Much of the credit belonged to Simms, a fighter who had persevered through one career crisis after another. Shoulder separations kept him from finishing 1980 and '81. A preseason knee injury wiped out the next year. A fractured thumb made him miss most of 1983. His mental toughness let him survive.

"I'm not injury prone," said Simms. "I've just had tough luck. I'm not quitting."

He did not quit. In 1984, his first year of full health, he broke many Giants' one-season passing records. In 1985 and 1986, he had big years, too, helped greatly by the Giants' resurrected running game.

For years, the Gants struggled on the ground. Then Morris, 5 feet 7 inches and 195 pounds, developed into one of the game's hardest runners. No back in the NFL got to the hole quicker, and few could cut back so quickly. And once Morris reached the hole, his hours in the weight room gave him the strength of a 250-pound fullback. Though he was not a gifted receiver and sometimes had problems picking up a blitz, he was a breakaway threat every time he carried the ball.

The best Giant on offense might have been Mark Bavaro, the all-rookie tight end in 1985 and an all-pro in '86. The first thing Parcells and Young looked for in a tight end was blocking ability, and Bavaro was superb there. He could also catch passes in traffic and drag half of the defense with him, as he did on one memorable play against the 49ers. He played game after game with a broken jaw or a bruised ankle or a badly swollen toe. He was the strong, silent type, never complaining. He was, in Parcells's words, a lunch-pail player, a high tribute from a lunch-pail coach.

In general, the offense was often good. The defense was superb, and it was augmented in an unusual way. Through a series of draft-day deals, the Giants ended up with six choices in the first three rounds. The team noted for defense then used all six choices on defensive players. It drafted, in order, Eric Dorsey (end), Mark Collins (cornerback), Erik Howard (nose tackle), Pepper Johnson (linebacker), Greg Lasker (safety), and John Washington (end). All contributed during the season, and Howard and Johnson especially appear to be stars of the future.

Defense

Week after week, the defense made things happen. The linebackers, the heart of that unit, were terrors. Lawrence Taylor, on the right outside, made all-pro



Carson, on the right inside, turned 33, he was a Pro Bowler for the eighth time in nine years. Carl Banks, on the left outside, graded out the highest of any Giants' defender, and his teammates were angry rather then disappointed when he failed to make the Pro Bowl.

In previous seasons, Taylor had established himself as an all-time great—bigger, stronger, faster, quicker, and more talented than other linebackers. Offenses changed their game plans to stop him from decimating

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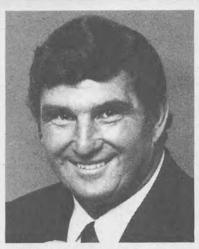
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the quarterback. Hardly anything could stop or even slow Taylor. Then something did During the 1985 season, which was not one of his best, he said he was drinking too much. Then he started using cocaine. In the winter of 1986, with the urging and aid of Parcells, he entered a rehabilitation program in Houston. After that, many were ready to write off Taylor's career. Instead, he returned and played with his old-time intensity and intimidation.

Taylor was the first to say that an offense could take him out of a game if it wanted to badly enough, but if it overcompensated for him it would weaken itself elsewhere. And occasionally, he was neutralized, only to have Banks do the destruction. It was almost a case of choosing your poison. The New Orleans Saints concluded that the way to escape Taylor was to run to the other side of the field. But Taylor ruined that plan because he would sprint 30 yards laterally and stop the ball-carrier before he got past the line of scrimmage.

In training camp, the defensive line seemed in trouble when Curtis McGriff suffered a bad hamstring injury that put him on injured reserve for the season. In recent seasons, McGriff had alternated with George Martin at left end, the strong but slow McGriff playing in



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running situations and the lighter but quicker Martin on passing downs. So the job fell full time to the 33-year-old Martin, and there were fears that he could not hold up. Instead, he thrived. Halfway through the regular season, in a game against the Cowboys, he continually baffled Phil Pozderac, the offensive tackle who tried to block him, and got by him for a last-minute sack that saved a 3-point victory for the Giants. Three weeks later, against the Broncos, Martin batted a pass by John Elway, caught it for an interception, and lumbered 78 vards for a touchdown that helped the Giants to another 3-point victory. In the Super Bowl, Martin's sack of Elway for a safety just before the end of the first half started the Giants rolling to a runaway victory.

All season, the Giants' defense was relentless and dangerous, especially to opposing quarterbacks. It left Danny White of the Cowboys with a broken wrist, Tommy Kramer of the Vikings and Ron Jaworski of the Eagles with injured passing hands, Joe Montana of the 49ers with a concussion, and Jay Schroeder of the Redskins with bruises all over.

"What is so good about their defense?" White said. "That is like saying what is so good about chocolate cake."

Good Health

While opponents suffered many injuries, the Giants suffered few. But their wide receivers. were banged up all season, and at one point only three were available and none of them especially healthy. The only one who lost considerable time was Manuel, the best of the group. He sprained his left knee against the New Orleans Saints and missed the last 12 regular-season games. In the same game, Collins was returning a punt when he lost his helmet and was hit on the head. He suffered a concussion. Manuel, the backup punt returner, was unavailable. So the Giants had to replace Manuel as a receiver and Collins as a punt returner. McConkey, who held both jobs the year before, was one of the final players cut in training camp. The Green Bay Packers quickly signed him and then seemingly forgot him. So when the Giants offered the Packers a 12th-round draft choice to get McConkey back, the Packers grabbed it.

"It's like coming home again," said an overjoyed McConkey.

Two weeks before the regular season ended, Kinard, the most talented of the defensive backs, suffered torn ligaments in the left knee and underwent surgery. Herb Welch stepped in and filled the job. By Super Bowl time, Kinard was one of only seven Giants on injured reserve. Parcells told the seven he wanted them to share the glory and wanted them on the sideline during the Super Bowl, even if they were ineligible to play. When he learned he could not get sideline credentials for them. he had seven assistant coaches walk around without credentials and gave theirs to the injured-reserve players. That was typical of Parcells, a players' coach. He said he tried to talk to every player every day, even if it was only socializing. The players enjoyed that relationship, and they responded to his philosophies and his prodding and his support.

"He understands each position and personality," said Brad Benson, the Giants' Pro Bowl offensive tackle. "He loves being one of the boys. He can't resist getting into the jousting in the locker room."

"I love kidding around with them," said the 45-year-old Parcells. "It makes me feel 25 years old."

A Tradition Is Born

The public knew Parcells best as the coach who was doused with Gatorade after every victory. That started in 1985 after a bruising triumph over the Redskins. Parcells felt that for that game he needed even more aggressiveness than usual from Jim Burt, his emotional nose tackle. All week, he made Burt do extra work in the weight room, having him thrust dumbbells at imaginary opponents.

Burt felt he was being made a scapegoat, and he was angry. He vowed to show Parcells how well he could play, which was exactly what Parcells wanted. Burt played a superb game as the Giants won. Just before the final gun, Parcells sneaked up on Burt on the sideline, put a bear hug on him and said, "I got you ready, didn't I?" Burt said Parcells was holding him so tightly that he could hardly breathe, and for a moment he thought of punching his coach. Instead, he grabbed a half-filled bucket of icy Gatorade and poured it over Parcells. The other Giants froze, wondering if the coach would punch out Burt there or wait until after the game. Instead, Parcells grinned. If he could dish it out, he could take it. Thus was born a tradition.

No players would have dumped Gatorade on a Vince Lombardi. No one would have tried it with Tom Landry or Don Shula or Chuck Knox or Chuck Noll or most other coaches. But Parcells was different. He grew up in the shadow of what is now Giants Stadium, dreaming of coaching the Giants. Now he was coaching them, and part of him was still the little boy.

Most coaches know when it is best to run and when it is best to pass, when to gamble and when not. The secret of successful coaches, in football and in other sports, is handling athletes and getting them to believe in themselves and play their best. Parcells knew that and knew how to achieve that. He also knew how to get his players excited. Minutes before the Super Bowl, he told McConkey to lead the team onto the field and stir up the crowd. McConkey, emotional enough to start with, sprinted down the sideline, waved a towel to the crowd, and demanded a response. He put the Giants' loyalists in a frenzy, and they in turn stirred up their heroes.

Parcells also knew that some things were better handled by players than by coaches. When he had problems, he sometimes discussed them with Carson and Martin, two of his senior citizens and team leaders. He did not ask them to handle the problems. They just did it. Before the season began, Parcells suspected that one of his players was falling into bad habits after hours. He did not accost the player. Instead, he mentioned the subject to two older members of that players' unit. End of problem.

"I don't know that I'm a good coach," said Parcells. "If you win, you get to stay. If you lose, you go, so you just win. My players understand that. They know I will do everything I can to win."

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THE LINES With this edition we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Street & Smith's Pro Football book. Since our first issue, in 1963, the game has seen a number of changes.

For one, it is much bigger. The National Football League now comprises 28 teams in the National and American Conferences. A quarter of a century ago, seven teams in each of two divisions existed. The American Football League, with a total of eight franchises, was beginning only its third year of operation. The seasons were shorter and less complicated then, too. In both leagues, the schedule consisted of 14 games, with the winners of each division squaring off for separate championships. No playoffs and no Super Bowl. Football was over by late December.

Twenty-five years ago, a couple of faces were not so familiar as they would become later on. Al Davis, a 33-year-old former assistant, was taking over the moribund Oakland Raiders, who had suffered through a 1-13 record the previous season. Likewise, another defensive-minded coach was trying to reverse his team's fortune and get the Dallas Cowboys to the .500 mark. Fellow by the name of Tom Landry. Jack Kemp, on the sidelines for most of 1962, "showed enough...to justify the belief that he can make the difference between a champion and an also-ran." That from our inaugural issue, but we were talking sports at the time, since congressman Kemp was then the quarterback of the Buffalo Bills.

Another quarterback, Len Dawson, had led the Dallas Texans to a 20-17 overtime victory over the Houston Oilers in the AFL title game in '62. The league's Player of the Year, Dawson would celebrate that anniversary in 1987 with his election to the Hall of Fame.

The NFL title game in 1962 matched the Green Bay Packers against the New York Giants for the second straight year. The Packers played error-free ball and prevailed, 16–7, thanks to the efforts of Bart Starr, Jerry Kramer, Jim Taylor, Paul Hornung, and others. A look at New York reveals similarities between that team and the victorious Super Bowl Giants of 1986–87.

Instrumental to the Giants's success in '62 was an impressive defense, which included linemen Andy Robustelli, Roosevelt Grier, Jim Katcavage, and Dick Modzelewski; linebackers Sam Huff, Bill Winter, and Tom Scott; and backs Erich Barnes, Dick Lynch, Jim Patton, and Allan Webb. Del Shofner (53 receptions for 1,133 yards and 12 touchdowns), Alex Webster (207 carries for 743

yards and 5 TDs), Frank Gifford, Joe Walton, and Joe Morrison supplied much of the offensive firepower. But essential to the Eastern champions was the play of quarterback Y.A. Tittle behind his line (Roosevelt Brown, Jack Stroud, Ray Wietecha, Darrell Dess, and Greg Larson), "whom many had tended to underrate as a unit," we had written. Tittle completed 200 of 375 pass attempts for 3,224 yards and a then-record 33 touchdowns. For that, he made the cover of our premier issue.

Last season, linebacker and NFL Player of the Year Lawrence Taylor led a swarming defense, which surrendered just three points in playoff victories over the San Francisco 49ers and the Washington Redskins. Joe Morris ran for 1,516 yards and 14 scores and Mark Bavaro developed into the league's best tight end. The offensive line of Brad Benson, Karl Nelson, Bill Ard, Chris Godfrey, and Bart Oates became a steady unit. But the key to the Giants was and is quarterback Phil Simms. He enjoyed some memorable clutch moments in a brilliant season, then followed with a near-perfect effort (22 completions in 25 attempts for 268 yards and three TDs) in the 39-20 triumph over the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl, in which he was named the MVP. The Giants seemingly are deep in almost every area, having improved their receiving corps via the college draft. Simms, however, remains the one indispensable player. He is our cover subject this year.

In 1963, Tittle broke his own record with 36 touchdown passes and the Giants won a third consecutive Eastern flag before bowing to the Chicago Bears in the championship match. In 1987, the Giants begin defense of their title in the first Monday night game of the season, in Chicago against the Bears, the 1986 Super Bowl winners.







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I have always looked forward to the start of a new baseball season, and I have enjoyed reading your annual yearbook. However, I must convey my disappointment after looking at the cover of the 1987 issue. Wally Joyner is a good choice for the cover. But... why not a picture of either American League Rookie of the Year Jose Canseco or National League Rookie of the Year Todd Worrell?

JIMMY OBERPRILLER San Bernardino, CA

I would like to point out an error in your latest baseball issue. In the 1986 NCAA Statistics, my name was left out of several of the hitting categories. Being an avid fan and

reader of your magazines, needless to say I was very disappointed to be overlooked.

In 1986, I was a senior at Virginia Military Institute (Division I), where I batted .446 (66 for 148), hit 14 HRs (.359/game), had 62 RBIs (1.59/game), and had a slugging average of .865. I am enclosing an article from *USA Today* to confirm my statistics. Thank you for a great sports magazine, but I felt it necessary to point out the error.

GREG WEDDLE Blacksburg, VA Mr. Weddle's name was omitted from the copy of the final statistics we received from the NCAA.

West predictions and rereading the 1986 predictions in the same league, I only have one question: Who named Maury Allen your baseball expert?

I refer to the complete write-off of the San Francisco Giants in the [Street & Smith's Baseball] 1986 review and the slightly optimistic outlook for these same Giants in 1987. Tell me: How does a team go from "It would take 10 years for the Giants to become a contender" to "... the Giants could walk away with the division race"? These are direct quotes from, respectively, your 1986 and 1987 previews.

I've been a Giants fan ever since Orlando Cepeda took Don Newcombe downtown in the old Seals Stadium in the third game of the 1958 season. It's obvious Mr. Allen is fond of San Francisco. But why should a professional sports writer dump on the team because of his disappointment in its performance? No Giant fan has pleasant memories from the 1973-84 seasons and none of us really expect the Giants to win the West with so many question marks. But we'll take what comes alongprobably third place behind either Cincinnati and the Dodgers or Houston and Cincinnatiand look to 1988 for the [AI] Rosen/[Roger] Craig chemistry of pitching acumen, continuing attitude adjustments, and the blossoming of [the] youngsters to form the basis of a team that can not only take the West with respect but also challenge the Mets for the right to represent the National League in the '88 World Series.

TONY ONELLION Pearl River, LA

Congratulations on your great 1987 Street & Smith's baseball yearbook. Hook forward to your editions all year round. However, could you please tell me how I could purchase regional issues other than the one on sale here in Canada. The Jesse Barfield cover is wonderful, but I am interested in obtaining the other issues with Roger Clemens, Mike Scott, Wally Joyner, [Gary Carter and Jesse Orosco, and Joe Carter].

JEFF SIM Toronto, ONT



I am a reader of your interesting and famous magazines. I am especially fond of your basketball issue. I feel somewhat melancholy that there was no recognition given to those basketball players of colleges that are not widely recognized. I feel that the best basketball player, at least one, of every college should have been given recognition regardless of the college's reputation. Maybe there is something you can do to commend unknown basketball players from colleges like Ramapo, Upsala, Jersey City State, Bloomfield, and a few others in New Jersey.

GRACE ORELLANO New York, NY

Just a little note thanking you for your fine coverage of the Navy basketball program and, in particular, center David Robinson on the front cover [Eastern edition]. Street & Smith's magazine is widely recognized as one of the finest of its kind in circulation, and we appreciate your accurate detail.

VINCE BENIGNI Assistant Sports Information Director U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

I am writing in regard to Street & Smith's College Football. Having discovered this publication just last year, I think of it as a must-buy before future football seasons. Nowhere else can I find as much information on all Division I-A and I-AA schools. I would like to see Street

& Smith's expand to include complete coverage of NCAA Divisions II and III, and possibly NAIA divisions. I would appreciate your serious consideration of this idea. I find college athletics to be infinitely more interesting than their professional counterparts.

RICK TILTON Columbus, OH

I have religiously bought your magazine for about six years now. References were constantly made, especially during college basketball signing periods. However, I now question your credibility. How could you ever have left Byron Larkin of Xavier University in Cincinnati off your High Honorable Mention list for All-America? From the looks of the list, you really blew it.

TIMOTHY KUEHNER Minster, OH

I want to thank Dave Krider for the honor of being named High Honorable Mention in your high school basketball All-America listings. I also had the honor to play with a great number of your selected high school standouts at the Nike camp at Princeton.

LYLE MOUTON JR. Lafayette, LA

May I ask you people why you left Andy Van Slyke off the Cardinal roster?

RAYMOND NICKEL Pacific, MO St. Louis did not include him on the team's 40man roster. I am writing to tell you I think you have only one division winner right (Kansas City Royals). Here is how I think they will finish: Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Toronto, and Kansas City. I had the advantage of knowing Philly added Parrish and Cowley.

DAN GIRARD Manitouwadge, ONT

I was slightly upset with your article on "The Year of the Rookie." You gave a lot of history on Canseco, Incaviglia, and Snyder, but you forgot...Barry Bonds. He had a great season and you made him look like he was the worst of the rookie class.

WESLEY BROWN Parma, OH Barry Bond's received 4 votes in the National League election after hitting .223. We quoted a prominent N.L. scout as saying Bonds has the potential to be "outstanding."

Of the preseason college football year-books, yours is the only one that lists defensive and offensive statistics. You limit these stats to the top 20 in each category. Possibly a more encompassing format would be to list the stats with each divisional section.

RANDY GROSS New Cumberland, PA

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TONY DORSETT'S LONG-PLAYING RECORD

With 11,580 yards after 10 years in Dallas, Tony Dorsett could pass Jim Brown as pro football's No. 2 runner.

How's that song go? "They say that trading up is...hard to do."

Something like that. The Dallas Cowboys know all about it. None of their efforts to move into the top rounds of the draft the last few years have met with any success. It all goes back to 1977. The one-year-old Seattle Seahawks were badly in need of able bodies and saw what looked like a chance to get rich quick by trading their first-round pick to Dallas for its first-round pick and three second-round choices. Who could say no to a four-for-one swap, right?

Seattle traded one of those picks to get two more players, making it in effect a five-for-one deal. And so it was that the Seahawks acquired Steve August, Tom Lynch, Terry Beeson, Geoff Reece, and Peter Cronan. Dallas merely picked up Tony Dorsett in the first round and a Super Bowl trophy the following January. No one has cared to peddle a No. 2 pick in the draft to the Cowboys since. Even though the trade was largely regarded as a Cowboy coup from day one, few football experts expected the 5-11, 185-pound Dorsett to be blasting off tackle into the late 1980s.

"You really don't think that way when you draft a guy," Dallas coach Tom Landry said. "Tony felt like he would play for five years then. This has been a continuing controversy for years here—how much we run him. I always considered his size, and I wanted him to play as many years as he could. I didn't want to run him 30 times a game, but I don't know if

that was right or not.'

Only twice has Dorsett carried the ball 30 times in a game for Dallas, a fact that miffed him more than once early in his career. But the important thing is that his career continues. Last year only two of his elders, Kansas City's Mike Pruitt and New York Giants' reserve Tony Galbreath, were among the league's active running backs. And although he endured his least productive season as a pro in 1986, Dorsett's output of 748 yards rushing-his first sub-1,000-total in a full season since junior high-had more to do with injuries to both of his knees and a substandard offensive line than it did to any loss of skills or quickness. His 4.1-yard average was not that far from his 4.4 career mark.

The big difference in 1986 was his inability to break loose for a big gain. His longest run was 33 yards. A sprained left knee suffered in the season opener slowed Dorsett right from

the start and later, while trying to protect his injured knee, he twisted the right one. In March, he underwent arthroscopic surgery on both, then quickly became a permanent fixture in the club's training room. After going through an offseason program he describes as "sometimes lonely as hell," a healthier, more muscular Dorsett emerged. Now he will attempt to rebound from his and the Cowboys' most frustrating year ever.

"I'm facing one of the biggest obstacles of my career. That's the injuries. Coming back from arthroscopic surgery on both knees is no doubt a challenge, something I'm not accus-

tomed to," he said.

Landry isn't used to worrying about his tail-back spot, either, but he doesn't sound overly concerned about Dorsett's return. "I don't think there's any question about him. They didn't take enough out of the knees to really hurt him. He should be O.K. and ready to go," he saïd. "And before he was hurt, he was running better than I've seen in a long time. The explosion he had was just incredible."

Dorsett's first real explosion in 1986 came in training camp—the day the Cowboys signed Herschel Walker to a five-year, \$5 million contract, making Dorsett the second-highest paid Cowboy. He talked of becoming a "disruptive force," then apologized a day later for his outburst. But the wounds to his pride remained. Those quickly were forgotten when real wounds took hold in the season opener, knee problems that never fully went away.

"My confidence was very low last year from the simple fact that I knew I was limited. You talk about being one-dimensional. I couldn't stride out or make cuts; I was pretty much just a straight-ahead runner," Dorsett said, "It was a completely different feeling, one that I don't want to go through again. Two years ago, I had the broken wrist and I couldn't carry the ball with my right hand, couldn't fight off defenders. But I could deal with that easier than having my knees messed up.

"Like I've said before, these are my wheels. Right now I've got a slow leak. If they go flat on me, there's no way I can maneuver. Even though it wasn't major surgery, still yet it requires rehabilitation. It's a long, hard road and I'm on that road right now. My attitude is such that I'm going to come back in the best possible shape Tony Dorsett can be in."

"Whether Tony's knees have slowed him down, we'll have to wait and see," Landry said. "When you get into your 30s, you can slow down in a hurry. But I think he's got a good year or two left."

And for the first and last time in his career, Dorsett in 1987 will wear his age (33) on his jersey. "I haven't given it much thought but I never thought I would be around long enough to wear my age for my number," said Dorsett. "I know that the time is coming, and the years are becoming numbered. I have three years left on my contract and I still feel I have three good years left. Then I don't think I'll want to play after [that]. After 35, there would be no point. But I'd like to finish my career like I started—healthy and on top of my game."

Dorsett started his pro career on the Cowboys' bench. Not until the second half of his rookie season did he win a starting job. But from that point on, he developed into one of the league's most dependable and durable backs as he climbed the league's rushing ladder. His string of 94 consecutive starts came to an end in the fourth week of the 1986 season when a sprained left knee kept him from making the trip to St. Louis. Yet even as he missed two more starts and parts of other games, Dorsett in his 10th season moved past rushing totals established in 11 seasons by O.J. Simpson (11,236 yards) and in 14 seasons by John Riggins (11,352). Dorsett pointed out why it meant so much more for him to step past Simpson than Riggins.

"I was an O.J. fan. I watched O.J. run against the Steelers in Pittsburgh once when I was in college. He was just such a smooth runner, a tall, graceful back. It's just like with a Muhammad Ali or a Joe Frazier. Which one do you enjoy watching? I looked at O.J. as the

Muhammad Ali of running backs.

"It's nothing against Riggins or Franco [Harris]. They were great backs and did great things for their teams, but how long did Riggins play—14 years? You look at Riggins once again like Joe Frazier. His was just one of those styles that was not very memorable as far as I was concerned. Yeah, he got tough yards for you, but you've got backs now who get the tough yards and are graceful. They do things your grandma can appreciate."

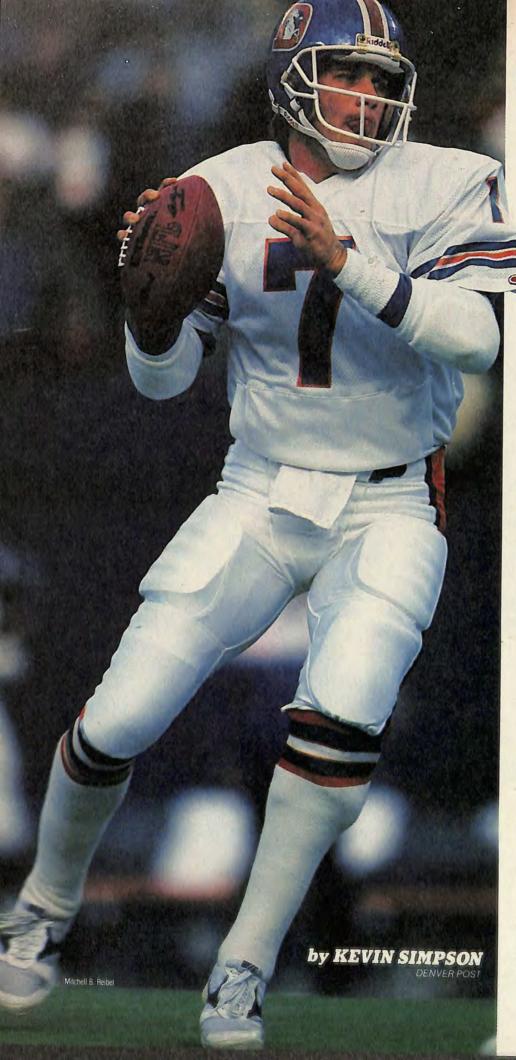
It's not hard to appreciate what Dorsett has done for Dallas the last 10 years. With 11,580 yards, he is within reach of the No. 3 position held by Harris (12,120). Then comes Dorsett's final, and for him, most satisfying hurdle: the No. 2 mark (12,312 yards) held by Jim Brown. Dorsett has said he is more than willing to concede first to Walter Payton and his 16,000-

plus yards.

"I know I'll never catch Walter Payton. I don't want to say he amazes me, but Walter's going to put a number up there so high it may be impossible for anyone to surpass him. But if I don't pass Jim Brown this year, something is wrong," said Dorsett, who needs 733 yards to move into second. "That's going to be no

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COMING

Four years after being chosen first among the quarterback prodigies of 1983, John Elway directed the Denver Broncos to the AFC championship.

In the late summer of 1986, any conjecture that the Denver Broncos might end their season in Pasadena began and ended with the same two words: John Elway.

For the orange-tinted faithful along the Front Range, an appearance in the Super Bowl seemed only a question of maturity, of a young quarterback realizing his potential and fulfilling expectations. Which was to say, it was a question of Elway performing at the superhuman level always hinted at but never quite achieved in three previous seasons.

It happened. Almost four years after being chosen first among the quarterbacking prodigies of 1983, the football career of John Elway came to fruition. That it did not ripen as quickly as Dan Marino's and Tony Eason's or pay the instant gaudy dividends of Jim Kelly's or Ken O'Brien's made no difference to the 63,000 Broncomaniacs who gathered at Mile High Stadium in late January to see their team off to the Super Bowl.

The season began with Elway on the receiving end of a touchdown pass against the Los Angeles Raiders in the first game. It ended, for all intents and purposes, with Elway's 98-yard real estate acquisition against the Cleveland Browns that in Denver will forever be known simply as The Drive. The Super Bowl, a disappointing 39–20 defeat at the hands of the New York Giants, represented just the promise of more to come. But everything that happened leading up to that sunny afternoon in Pasadena seemed merely to fulfill a four-year-old prophecy: A quarterback would rise up and lead them.

He was engaging in some gallows humor at the time, but Bronco guard Keith Bishop uttered the prophetic words of the season while standing at his own 2-yard line, his team just five minutes from playoff elimination. "We've got 'em right where we want 'em," he said.

The Broncos trailed Cleveland, 20–13, with what looked like miles of frozen turf in front of them. Later, writers waxing poetic after viewing videotape from the final minutes of regulation time liked to point out the determination in Elway's eyes in the close-up shots. They noticed a will to win, a calm confidence that surely marked his rite of passage into the realm of today's premier quarterbacks. To Elway, his performance constituted a normal reaction under extraordinary circumstances.

"The game wasn't over," he explained. "I'm not saying I knew when I went in there we were going 98 yards, but I also didn't say there was no way we can win this game. But you know, we'd had drives late in games and come back and won before. Like against Kansas City my third year, when I threw the five picks in one game and we still ended up beat-

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STREET AND SMITH'S PRO FOOTBALL

OF AGE

In only his second professional season and his 28th NFL start, Bernie Kosar led the Cleveland Browns to the brink of the Super Bowl.

A sunny April day in Cleveland. Three months have passed since the emotional roller coaster jerked wildly off its track. Bernie Kosar, the cool engineer of the city's football joy ride, is having lunch at his favorite Italian restaurant.

"Have you thought much about it, the Denver game?" he is asked.

The 23-year-old quarterback prodigy of the Cleveland Browns paused. "Probably every day in the offseason," he says. "It'll probably never be out of my system."

Images of that American Conference championship game were still fresh in his mind: Browns up by seven...down by three...even at the half...Kosar and Brian Brennan hook up for a 48-yard touchdown...Browns up by seven with five minutes to play—five minutes from their first Super Bowl, then 37 seconds!

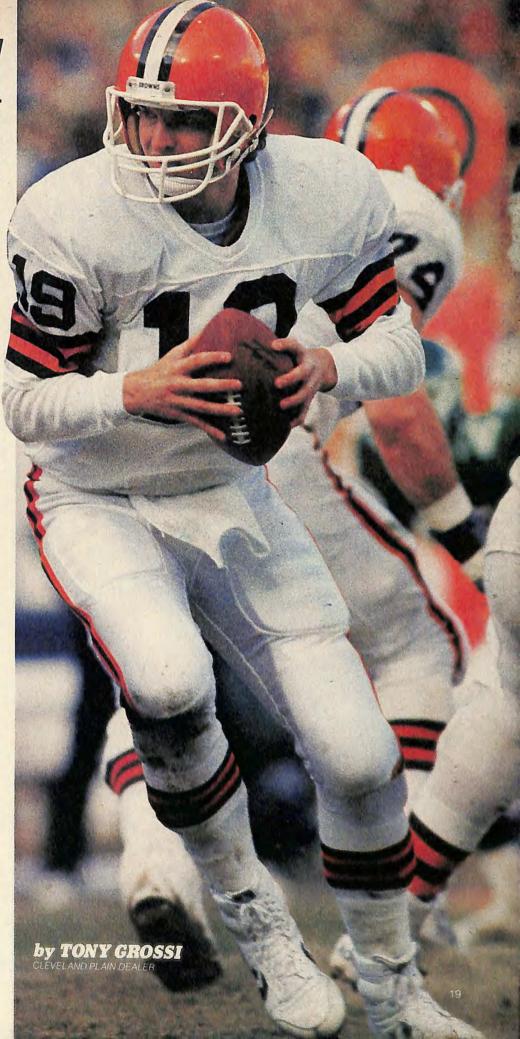
Then it vanished, the ride, into a tunnel of darkness. Another "franchise quarterback," by the name of John Elway, raced his Denver Broncos 98 yards for a touchdown to tie with 37 seconds left, and then 60 yards in overtime for the derailing field goal. Denver 23, Cleveland 20. But unlike a year earlier, when the Browns had blown an 18-point lead in a firstround playoff loss to the Miami Dolphins, the championship-starved Cleveland fans didn't stomp their feet and scream in anger. They stood and cheered as Kosar and his teammates trudged off the field.

There really was light at the end of that tunnel. No quarterback had taken a Cleveland team so far since Bill Nelsen in 1969. Kosar was six years old then and lived 75 miles to the southeast in Boardman, a suburb of Youngstown. The kid inherited a rooting interest in the Browns from his dad, Bernie Sr. He dreamed of someday playing for the Browns in huge Cleveland Stadium with a championship on the line. The dream followed him to the University of Miami, where he crammed in 22 Hurricane passing records and one national championship while graduating-with a degree in economics and finance-one year ahead of his academic class. Kosar left behind two years of playing eligibility so that he could slither through a National Football League loophole and join his favorite team via the 1985 summer supplemental draft.

So there he was last January inside the mammoth stadium off Lake Erie, living out a kid's dream before he really had time to grow up. Now he was talking like an adult again.

"It's healthy to rehash it," Kosar said. "You try to learn from it. It's really a good experience to play in a game like that. Obviously, we still should have won. I don't really second-guess calls or decisions. I fook back on how and why I reacted and did what I did."

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THE SHADOW THE STARS

Some players
excel in the shadow
of their more famous
teammates.

Here are the best of those unsung heroes.

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The word "underrated" can be overrated. Often it is merely a euphemism for "below average." If you can't say anything good about a player, you can always mention he is underrated.

Carl Banks, linebacker

New York Giants

Good football players are more apt to be overshadowed than underrated. Giants' linebacker Carl Banks never was underrated by coaches and players he faced. But he has been overshadowed by Lawrence Taylor and Harry Carson, who happen to play the same position for the same team in a city that ought to be big enough for all three. Think of poor Gary Reasons, the fourth wheel on the New York linebacking bicycle apparently built for two. Banks was the third player selected in the 1984 draft and the first defensive player. Underrated is inaccurate. Underpublicized is more like it. Inside football circles, Banks is not underappreciated. On the chalkboard, the X coaches draw for Banks is just as big as the one they draw for Taylor.

Teammates who excel at the same position have the biggest gripe about being overlooked. Although football is the ultimate team

sport, football fans and the media feel compelled to single out individuals. It is not enough to extol the best defensive backfield; someone has to be the best defensive back.

The Chicago Bears were a year ahead of the Giants in Super Bowl victories and overshadowed players. While Mike Singletary already had established himself as the best middle linebacker in football by 1985, left linebacker Otis Wilson finally gained overdue recognition with a Pro Bowl berth. But young weakside linebacker Wilber Marshall was called by teammates and coaches the key to putting the Bears' defense over the top in 1985. By 1986, Marshall displaced Wilson in the Pro Bowl although all three linebackers had outstanding years and saw themselves not as individuals but a chain only as good as the weakest link. They failed to become the first linebacking trio since Jack Lambert, Andy Russell, and Jack Ham of the Pittsburgh Steelers to go to the Pro Bowl as a unit.

In 1984, the entire defensive backfield of the San Franciso 49ers ended up in the Pro Bowl after cornerback Eric Wright joined teammates Ronnie Lott, Carlton Williamson, and Dwight Hicks as an alternate. The irony was that Wright had enjoyed the best year of the four, but he was unrecognized by the voters. Lott was so embarrassed he threatened a boycott

As Banks receives his recognition as a premier linebacker, it will undoubtedly come at the expense of a teammate, probably the aging Carson.

There are various other reasons for the spotlight skipping over good players. There

are cornerbacks overshadowed by safeties and safeties overshadowed by cornerbacks. There are inside linebackers overshadowed by outside linebackers and guards overshadowed by tackles. Small cities are overwhelmed by big cities and young stars have to wait for old ones to retire.

Here is a look at some of the best of the players whose contributions are noticed the

Albert Lewis, cornerback

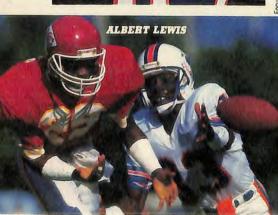
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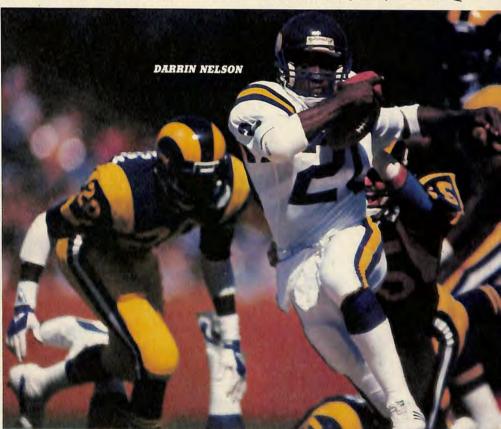
Chiefs' safeties Deron Cherry and Lloyd Burruss both were voted to the Pro Bowl last season by American Football Conference players-Cherry for the fourth time and Burruss for the first. Cherry had nine interceptions and scored two touchdowns by recovering blocked punts. He finished second on the team in tackles. Burruss had five interceptions and returned three for touchdowns. A third Chiefs' defensive player, nose tackle Bill Maas, joined the safeties in Hawaii for the Pro Bowl. Meanwhile, who was voted the most valuable player on the Chiefs by his teammates?

Albert Lewis, who intercepted four passes and blocked four punts during a spectacular year. Against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the regular-season finale that put the Chiefs into the playoffs, Lewis blocked a punt, recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass, knocked down two other passes, and made seven tackles in 8 the Chiefs' 24-19 victory.

Lewis is overshadowed not only by teammates Burruss and Cherry, but by famous Los &







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IN THE SHADOW OF THE STARS

Angeles Raider cornerbacks Mike Haynes and Lester Hayes, who perform in the same AFC West Division. But Lewis covers future Hall of Fame receivers like San Diego's Charlie Joiner and Seattle's Steve Largent with the kind of skill that enables the Chiefs to play pressure defense.

"He's a walking training film on how to play cornerback," said former Kansas City backfield coach, Doug Graber.

In 1985, Lewis tied for the AFC interception lead with eight. In 1986, he was better. Still, he toils in anonymity.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed,"



Paul Jasienski

Darrin Nelson, running back Minnesota Vikings

A Minnesota writer said Nelson has a middle name: Darrin "Drafted Ahead of Marcus Allen" Nelson. Nelson has other aliases: Drafted Ahead of Gerald Riggs. Drafted Ahead of Joe Morris. The perception is that Nelson never has lived up to his names. After all, he is only 5-9 and never has gained 1,000 yards rushing. Numbers can be cruel.

But in Minnesota people have grown to appreciate Nelson. They even look up to him as the catalyst of a diversified offense. He catches the ball as well as he runs with it. He takes as much pride in his blocking as any of his other skills. And finally, in 1986, he actually outrushed Marcus Allen, 793 yards to 759.

Nelson was the first running back drafted in the exceptional class of 1982. But he was drafted by a team that chooses to use him differently from the typical feature back. He never has carried more than 25 times in a game, nor has he averaged more than 13 carries a game over a season.

"I can remember my first couple of years, they wanted to know why I wasn't getting 1,500 yards like Marcus Allen and Gerald

BILL PICKEL

Riggs. What am I supposed to do, get 1,000 yards by carrying 150 times? Pretty nice average." Nelson said.

In Minnesota's offense, the passing of quarterback Tommy Kramer often serves as the team's rushing attack. "Football is really specialized," Nelson said. "But on the Vikings, there's no, per se, ball-carrier. If you're here, you're going to be in there on first down, second down, third down, and you're going to catch the ball."

And if you're lucky, people will start calling you by your first name instead of your middle names.

James Jones, fullback

Detroit Lions

When Billy Sims got hurt in Detroit, there was no way the Lions could ever move the football again. James Jones was supposed to be the blocking back for Sims. Now he would be blocking and there would be no one for the other team to tackle.

The Lions devised a plan. They would give Jones the ball and let him be his own blocker. He has responded by leading the club in rushing for two years and has led in receiving for three of his four seasons. Jones has been the most valuable offensive player on the Lions for three years in a row despite an uncharacteristic slow finish last season that had him mentioned in trade rumors. The Lions would have no trouble finding a buyer.

"Of all the guys in the league, he's the toughest to tackle," said Dallas safety Michael Downs. "I voted for him for the Pro Bowl."

Last season's opener was typical of Jones's career. He gained 174 yards against the Minnesota Vikings and was named NFC offensive player of the week. But the player who got the headlines that week was Dallas running back Herschel Walker, who gained 64 yards in his NFL debut against the Giants.

"I'm not a superstar," Jones said. "Big superstars are like the Eric Dickersons and Wal-

ter Paytons. I don't think I'm in the same mold as those guys. They're on a different plateau than I am. I'm just a hard, consistent worker."

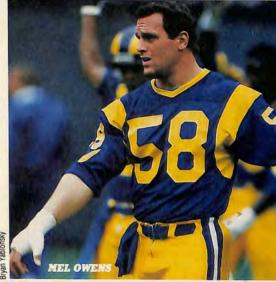
Jones could be speaking for dozens of colleagues who shine mostly on coaches' videotapes and rarely on TV highlights.

Willie Gault, wide receiver

Chicago Bears

What does a wide receiver do on the Bears? He helps Walter Payton run, of course. The Bears have led the league in rushing for four years in a row, a feat not accomplished since the 1939–42 Bears. That was before Payton arrived. But before Gault arrived in 1983, the Bears had won the rushing title only once during the Payton era (1977). They have won it every year Gault has played receiver for them.

Clearly, there is more than coincidence at work. Does Gault run that many reverses? No, and he doesn't catch half as many passes as he would like either. But Gault happens to be one of the fastest men alive and that alone continued on page 131







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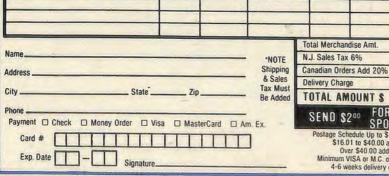
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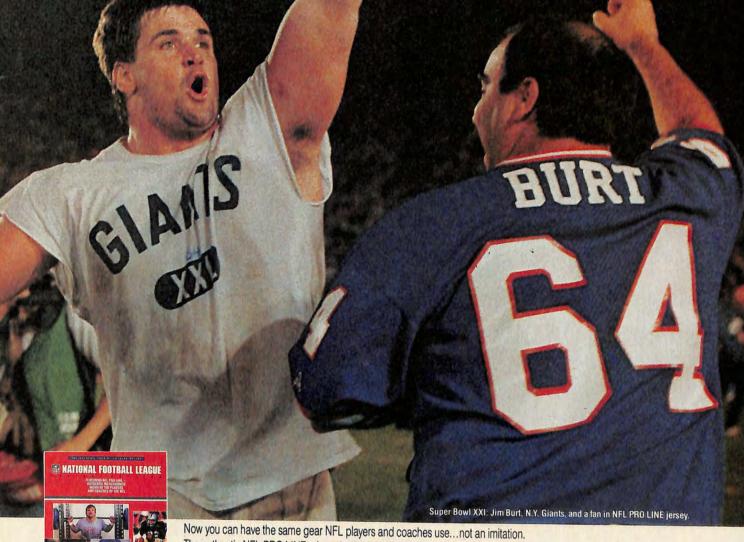
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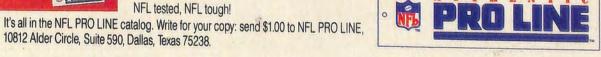
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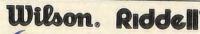
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by LARRY

ast December 14, when he was a mere 25 years old and had played in fewer four full NFL seasons, Dan Marino made

Marino and the Miami Dolphins came into Anaheim Stadium to play the Los Angeles Rams and their powerful defense. The Dolphins moved just a trifle steadier than a wobble. They had fallen out of contention in the American Conference East by mid-season and had no more than a token running game and less defense—deficiencies in the staples

s Hall of Fame statement.

of most good teams.

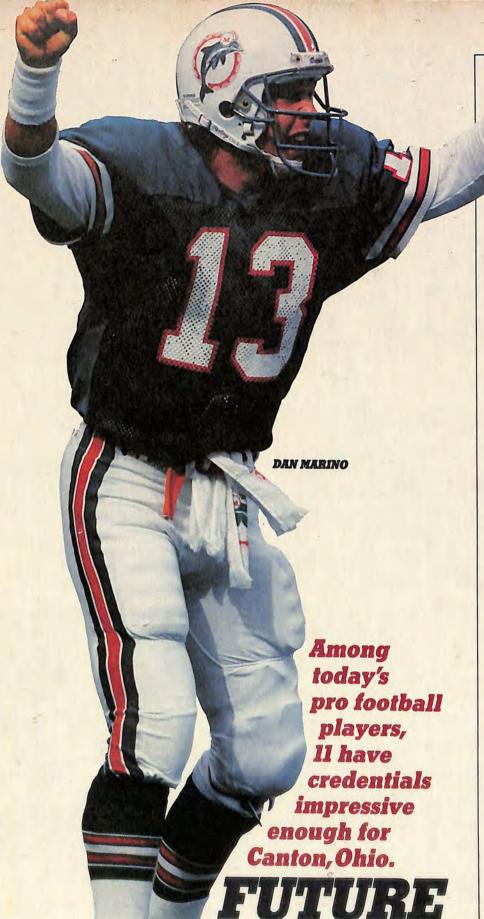
game too much.

astounding. He completed 29 passes in 49 attempts for a total of 403 yards against some of the league's best defensive backs. There was a touchdown pass of 65 yards and another of 5 yards to Mark Duper. There was a 43yard scoring toss to Mark Clayton and another of 6 yards to rookie James Pruitt. If the electors aren't totally convinced by the numbers, they will consider Marino's clinching argument: 3:04 into the overtime period, he threw a

any other man the experts care to mention. In the minds of many contemporary fans, Namath is the prototype high-risk long passer. Yet Broadway Joe's two best seasons consisted of 4,007 yards in 1967 and 3,379 yards in 1966, and he never threw more than 26 touchdown passes in one season. In his two biggest years, Namath played with two outstanding runners, Matt Snell and Emerson Boozer. In those days the Jets did not play an interleague schedule against the old NFL teams.

In Marino's second, third, and fourth pro seasons, he passed for 5,084 yards, 4,137 yards, and 4,736 yards. In his rookie season, he played just 11 games, some of them as a relief quarterback, but still passed for 20 touchdowns. That was followed by seasons of 48, 30, and 44 scoring TDs. The record for

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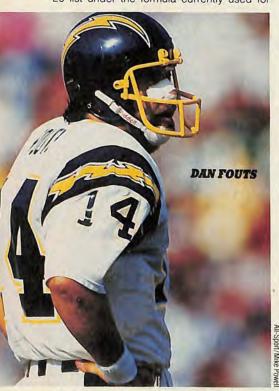
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most touchdown passes in a career is held by Fran Tarkenton, a Hall of Famer. Tarkenton

played 18 seasons and threw for 342 scores, an average of 19 a season. Marino is averaging more than 35 touchdown passes per year.

It should be taken into consideration that Marino is playing in an era of rules that encourage wide-open passing, that he plays a 16-game schedule, whereas some of his predecessors played just 14, or even 12. But it should also be noted that many of the Hall of Fame quarterbacks played on teams with great defenses and sound running games. Namely, Tarkenton with Minnesota's Purple People Eaters, John Unitas with Hall of Fame defenders such as Gino Marchetti and Artie Donovan as well as fullback Alan Ameche and Hall of Fame halfback Lenny Moore.

Then there is the matter of Marino's production in relation to the high-risk nature of his passing. Marino has the highest rating of any quarterback in NFL history, conservative or high risk. Namath doesn't even make the top 20 list under the formula currently used for



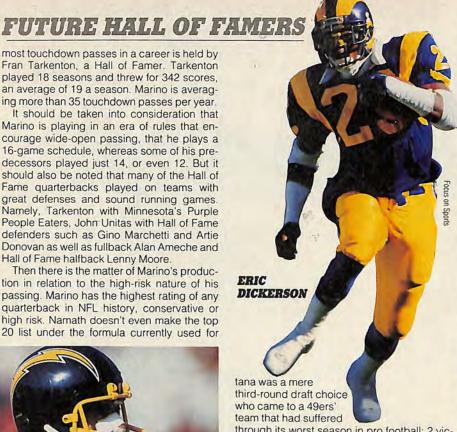
NFL passer ratings. Marino is the most obvious of 11 current NFL players who are likely to end up in the Hall of Fame.

Joe Montana

Joe Montana must be gauged differently. Not that the San Francisco quarterback's statistics are shoddy. Far from it, for he stands No. 2 behind Marino in the all-time rankings. Montana has averaged more than 17 touchdown passes a season for his eight pro years.

'But the most important thing about Joe," says Dan Devine, the former Green Bay head coach who helped develop Montana at Notre Dame, "is that he always has been such a big-

In that category, Montana is in the company of Hall of Fame quarterbacks such as Unitas and Roger Staubach. Remember that Mon-



through its worst season in pro football: 2 victories, 14 losses. He sat on the bench most of his rookie year, when the 49ers again were 2-14. By his second season as the starting quarterback, San Francisco won the Super Bowl.

Montana's signature game may have been the National Conference championship against the Dallas Cowboys at the end of the 1981 season. In a last-gasp, 89-yard drive, Montana took his team to the NFC title. The climax was a third-down, grace-under-pressure touchdown pass which Montana unloaded under a heavy rush, perfectly timed with just the right trajectory to Dwight Clark.

But Montana's credentials extend far beyond one game, or even his two Super Bowl victories. He was the central figure in a new concept of modern pro football-Bill Walsh's system of ball control through passing. Not only can Montana move his team steadily up the field despite the lack of a powerful passing arm, but he seldom gives away the football. In his NFL career, Montana has averaged fewer than 10 interceptions. In neither of the Niners' Super Bowl victories was he intercepted.

Dan Fouts

The third current NFL quarterback headed for Canton, Ohio, and the Hall of Fame is Dan Fouts of San Diego. When the rules-makers opened up the game in the late 1970s, Fouts was the principal instrument in coach Don Coryell's spectacular "Air Coryell" offense. Fouts has provided excellent entertainment year after year for the crowds in Jack Murphy Stadium. Only Tarkenton, Unitas, and Sonny Jurgensen, all Hall of Famers, have thrown more touchdown passes than the 244 that Fouts has completed in his 14 seasons. For the last decade, the Chargers were the highest scoring team in football under Fouts's supervision.

One of his triumphs came in 1982, the season of the players' strike. It was the time of coaches' burnout and player disillusionment. Normally productive players, their mental attitude disrupted by the turmoil, caved in. Not Fouts. He averaged 347 passing yards per game after play resumed. If the Chargers had possessed a defense even remotely comparable to their offense, chances are that Fouts would have appeared in as many Super Bowls as the Steelers' Terry Bradshaw or the Cowboys' Staubach.

Steve Largent

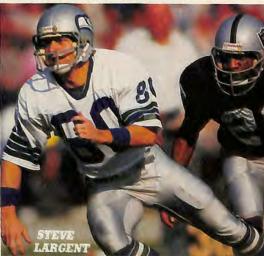
The case for Steve Largent, Seattle's great wide receiver, is overwhelming. Not only does Largent begin the 1987 season on the crest of a 139-game consecutive streak in which he has caught at least one pass, but he already has more career receptions than any member of the Hall of Fame. When Largent catches his second touchdown pass this season, he'll break the record held by Don Maynard, who will be inducted into the Hall this summer.

Lawrence Taylor

When George Allen gave a clinic before the last Super Bowl, he told his listeners, "The key to this game for the Denver Broncos is to control Lawrence Taylor." How often has that been said about a linebacker, even linebackers in the Dick Butkus-Ray Nitschke class? Taylor has been the most disruptive, dominant linebacker in an era of great athletes playing the position. His presence causes opposing offenses to concoct special blocking schemes, requiring two or three players, in order to keep Taylor off the back of the passer or out of the pursuit lanes that must be kept clear in order to spring a runner. There is no one like the New York Giants' Taylor in the Hall's roster of outside linebackers.

Eric Dickerson

After O.J. Simpson first saw Eric Dickerson carry the football for the Los Angeles Rams, he made a prediction. "This is the back who is going to break my record. He's strong, he's durable, he's fast, and he can accelerate to get those extra yards," he said. "When he



gives a tackler the straight arm, it's like a heavyweight boxer delivering a hard jab. He also has those wiggles, the moves that enable a back to cut against the grain and break into the open."

By his soph year as a pro, Dickerson had fulfilled O.J.'s prophecy. He became the second man to run for more than 2,000 yards in a single season, exceeding Simpson's best effort by 182 yards. continued

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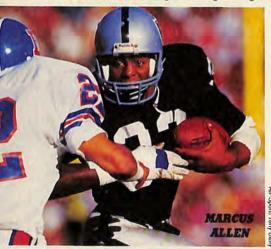
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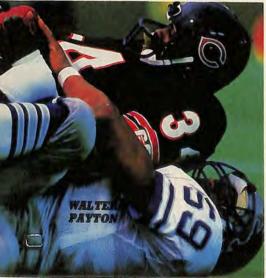
Dickerson's total of 1,808 yards in 1983 was a record for an NFL rookie. He led the league in rushing in three of his first four seasons. His landmark game is a 248-yard day against the Dällas Cowboys in the 1985 playoffs. Dickerson already is No. 14 on the list of all-time groundgainers. If he has an average season, he will vault into the top 10 in 1987, with the possibility of another half of his career still beckoning.

Marcus Allen

After just five years as a professional, Marcus Allen ranks as the Raiders' second-leading all-time ground-gainer, their third-leading career scorer among non-kickers, their No. 4 receiver, and No. 16 passer. Allen had a string of 11 consecutive games in which he had run for more than 100 yards. He is the only Raider in the team's glittering history to run for more than 100 yards and catch passes for 100 more in one game. His versatility ranks him with such Hall of Fame backs as Frank Gifford and Paul Hornung. And if one measures truly great football athletes by the big plays they make in big games, Allen ranks with any modern running back. His most memorable game was in Super Bowl XVIII against the Washington Redskins

"I had a strong feeling we were going to win, since Washington beat us by just two points, 37–35, in Washington during the requ-





lar season in a game in which Marcus appeared in just a few plays because of an injury," says Al LoCasale, the long-time aide to Raiders' owner Al Davis.

In the Super Bowl, the Redskins couldn't hold Allen. He ran for 191 yards, still a Super record. His 74-yard touchdown in that game is another mark. It was a classic run, in which Marcus whirled away from the Washington pursuit, improvised, and found an alley up the middle. He dashed through it and away from all defenders for an electrifying score.

There is another important factor about Allen. He is so versatile that while the opposition can stop him from making big plays, he often manages to put together enough seven- and eight-yard gains to produce a 100-yard day.

Walter Payton

If there is such a thing as a shoo-in for the Hall, Walter Payton qualifies. The next touchdown that Sweetness scores will push him beyond the great Jim Brown and into sole possession of the NFL record for the most TD scores, 107, during a career. By the time the 1987 season is finished, Payton should have inflated his standing as the NFL's all-time leading groundgainer. His 16,193 yards were 3,881 beyond Brown's total at the end of last year. Payton's final numbers will be a target that Dickerson or any other contemporary runner will find difficult to match. But Payton deserves an inspection for more than mere numbers. In his first nine seasons, he played on just two winning Chicago Bears' teams. His overall supporting casts were substandard, and until Jim McMahon arrived in 1982, Payton had not played with an accomplished major-league quarterback

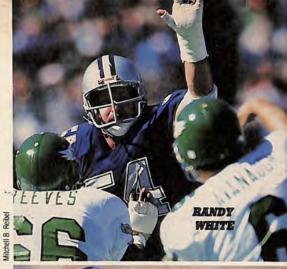
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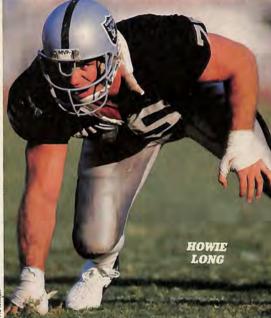
It's possible to become fascinated by Tony Dorsett's statistics and not look at the overall picture—which is even more impressive than the numbers. Dorsett needs only 541 yards this season to move into third place on the all-time ground-gaining list and 732 yards to pass Brown. He has more 100-yard games than any runner in NFL history and has run for 1,000 or more yards in eight of his first nine seasons. The sole exception was the abbreviated strike year of 1982. The big picture is that he missed only three games in his first nine seasons. And remember that he weighs just 185 pounds. The Cowboys are convinced that he is the best small back of the modern era.

Then there is his toughness. In a 1985 game in Philadelphia, Dorsett was knocked cold by a helmet-to-helmet collision with Ray Ellis of the Eagles. Looking like a groggy boxer, Dorsett was helped from the field at half time. But not only did he play, he gained more than 100 yards in the second half. Future electors also must consider Dorsett's ability in the clutch. Only Franco Harris of the Steelers has more playoff rushing yardage than Tony. Not well known is Dorsett's reputation as a practice player. He is superb at rehearsals as well as in the games and is a natural leader who sets the tone for his teammates' attitude.

Randy White

One of the few times defensive linemen were rewarded in proportion to their contributions to a victory was in Super Bowl XII, when Harvey Martin and Randy White of Dallas shared





the Most Valuable Player award for their part in crushing Denver. Martin had a fine career, but one not as overwhelming as White's. Cowboy film-graders found that on 75 to 80 percent of opponents' pass plays, Randy gets double-teamed. He is used to seeing multiple blocking schemes, but his success in defeating them helped him to be named to the National Conference Pro Bowl squad nine consecutive seasons in an era in which the NFC featured defensive linemen.

Howie Long

The Raiders feature another premier lineman. "The sign of a dominating defensive player," says LoCasale, "is when the opposing offensive coordinator gets into his team meeting and asks, "What are we going to do to stop this guy?" That happens all the time to Howie Long."

The Raiders use Long in seven different positions in their three- and four-man fronts. Their idea is to create mismatches, so that two or three blockers have to be assigned to control Long. Evidence that it works is that the Raiders recorded 249 sacks in the last four seasons. There have been years when Long wasn't the individual sack leader, but the double- and triple-team attention he gets is the reason for most of those 249. He is the most dominant defensive lineman of the 1980s.

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Monday, December 28 New England at Miami (N) It is the best and worst of times for the National Football Conference. The old NFC is dominating without nearly the fanfare the new AFC got in the 1970s. The New York Giants, Chicago Bears, and San Francisco 49ers have won the last three Super Bowls in routs. Yet no one is wondering, "What's wrong with the AFC?" Although the interconference rivalry remains close during the season, the NFC rules in the big games when the AFC offers almost no competition.

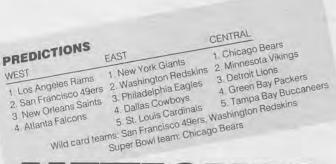
The balance of power has reverted to the comfortable notion that old is good and familiar is favorable. When football was football, the NFC always won. When Lombardi and the Packers played the upstart AFL in the first Super Bowls, not everybody in the country bothered to pay attention. The outcome was no more in doubt than it was in the old College All-Star game, when the pros annually beat up the collegians. Like television money and Pete Rozelle, the NFC is again being taken for granted. It has dominated the 1980s and shows no signs of allowing the pendulum to swing back to the AFC before the 1990s.

The NFC has all the first-round quarterbacks drafted in the last two years. But that time-tested barometer is not the only edge the old guys enjoy. They run and play defense in the NFC the way they used to run and play defense before quarterbacks were pretty boys. Running and tackling combined beats passing alone. That is what the NFC is proving as teams like the Giants and Bears emerge from the dark ages with the weapons that made them legendary franchises.

"We're back to playing old-fashioned, physical football," said CBS-TV analyst John Madden. "The defenses have

caught up with the offenses."

The NFC had nine of the top 12 rushing offenses in the league and nine of the top 12 defenses. Seattle's Curt Warner was the only AFC runner among the top seven: the Rams' Eric Dickerson, the Giants' Joe Morris, the Saints' Rueben Mayes, the Bears' Walter Payton, the Falcons' Gerald Riggs, and the Redskins' George Rogers. Add to that NFC stable two top newcomers from last season, the Cowboys' Herschel Walker and the Eagles' Keith Byars, and four of the top five halfbacks selected in this year's draft: Auburn's Brent Fullwood to the Packers, Penn State's D. J. Dozier to the Vikings, Clemson's Terrence Flagler to the 49ers, and Clemson's Kenny Flowers to the Falcons.



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Coach Mike Ditka is looking for a healthy Jim McMahon to lead the Chicago Bears back to the Super Bowl. They'll meet last year's champions, the New York Giants, in the first Monday-night game of the year.

The only NFC quarterbacks among this year's top 10 were leader Tommy Kramer of the Vikings and Joe Montana of the 49ers. The AFC drafted all six blue-chip quarterbacks in the class of 1983. One of them, the Broncos' John Elway, was in the Super Bowl. Four others—the Dolphins' Dan Marino, the Patriots' Tony Eason, the Jets' Ken O'Brien, and the Bills' Jim Kelly—were among this year's top 10.

"The AFC has a lot of good, young quarterbacks. But the quarterback isn't the whole show anymore. It used to be a super passer could darn near win a title by himself. Now he's just one more element in the whole equation," Madden said.

Just in case the quarterback becomes the whole equation again, the NFC has protected itself. The Rams acquired Jim Everett from the Oilers. The Lions have Chuck Long, and the NFC went four-for-four on first-round quarterbacks this year with Miami's Vinny Testaverde going to the Bucs, Colorado State's Kelly Stouffer to the Cardinals, Oregon's Chris Miller to the Falcons, and Michigan's Jim Harbaugh to the Bears.

Defense carried the Giants, Bears, and 49ers to their lopsided Super Bowl triumphs and linebackers carried the Giants and Bears on their shoulders. Now everybody is looking for linebackers and the AFC took all four first-rounders in the draft: Alabama's Cornelius Bennett to the Colts, Duke's Mike Junkin to the Browns, Penn State's Shane Conlan to the Bills, and Pitt's Tony Woods to the Seahawks. Before the draft, 49er coach Bill Walsh said a trade for Alabama's Bennett "probably will be tougher to make than one for Testaverde, because after the success of the Giants' and Bears' linebackers, that position is now at a premium."

NFC domination does not permeate from top to bottom. The four NFC playoff finalists—the Giants, Bears, 49ers, and Redskins—combined for a 14-2 record against the AFC last year. Overall, the NFC-AFC breakdown last year was 26-26.

by DON PIERSON

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The Giants, Bears, 49ers, and Redskins were the only NFC clubs with winning records against the AFC. But the NFC wins the big one. Since 1981, the NFC has a 145-144 edge in interconference play, but a 5-1 edge in Super Bowl victories.

The NFC accepts the good with the bad. The lowly Tampa Bay Buccaneers have struggled at the bottom of the heap for two years. They couldn't sign running back Bo Jackson last year, but they landed Testaverde this time and don't plan on making a third No. 1 pick in a row. They will leave that to someone from the lowly AFC.

Meanwhile, the Giants are the latest team trying to cope with dynasty questions. No team has repeated a Super Bowl triumph in the 1980s, but the same cannot be said of the conferences. If the Giants can't do what the Bears and the 49ers couldn't do before them, somebody else from the NFC probably will.



THE WEST The addition of Everett for a full year and coach John Robinson's commitment to fashion a passing attack to complement the great Dickerson make the Rams an intriguing possibility for the Super Bowl after years of playoff disappointments. Not only can the Rams already run with the best of them, they play defense with the best. Their only shortcoming is in their passing attack, which Robinson promises to improve with the addition of offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese from the perennial pass-happy San Diego Chargers.

The 49ers will again provide the Rams with their stiffest competition in the West. The return of Montana for a full season at quarterback could be all the 49ers need to make them the first three-time Super Bowl winner in the 1980s.

While the Falcons and Saints still lag behind, both teams have made strides in the areas of running and defense that could soon catapult them into contention.

THE EAST The Giants open the season on Monday night against the Bears in Chicago in a titantic clash that could set the tone for both teams. Coach Bill Parcells of the Giants and Mike Ditka of the Bears commiserated that neither would have enough players left to make it to the second game. For the Giants, that second game comes six days later against Dallas. Then the champions travel to Miami before facing the 49ers and Redskins at home. If the Giants start out 5-0, concede them another title. They would deserve it.

The Redskins don't plan to lose three games to the Giants in one season again, but their plans to bulk up their defense to Giant standards got little headway in the draft. The Redskins were rooting for New York to win the last Super Bowl on the premise that a victory would automatically disqualify the Giants from repeating and therefore give the Redskins a better chance.

"What particular Redskins are you referring to?" asked Parcells. "Is it the whole Indian nation? The Iroquois? The Algonquins?"

The Eagles are the team to watch in the East if young quarterback Randall Cunningham continues to develop and running back Byars heals from a foot injury. Coach Buddy Ryan did get defensive help and he already has the one defensive player in football who can dominate like the Giants' great Lawrence Taylor in lineman Reggie White. The trouble with the Eagles' chances is they play the toughest schedule in the league.

The Cowboys will be a factor in the strongest division in the league because of Herschel Walker alone. They also got help on defense and must hope that quarterback Danny White is healthy.

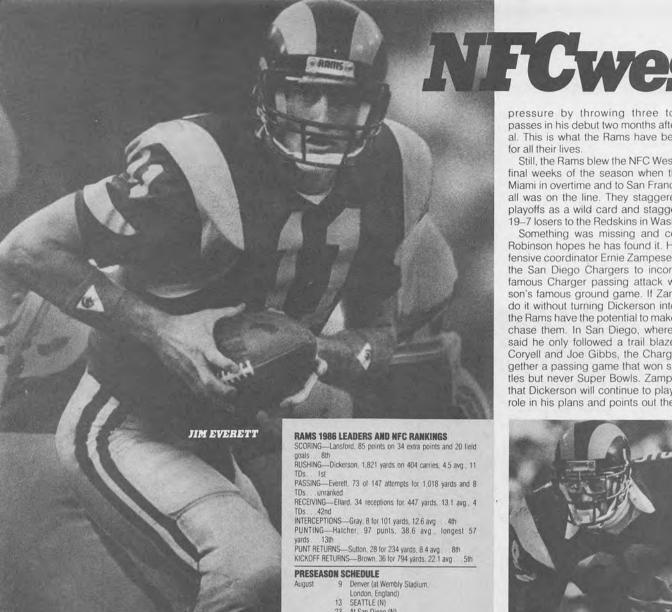
The Cardinals are the only East club incapable of competing this year. They can't seem to decide who is running or who is passing or who is catching or even where they may play next season.

THE CENTRAL The Bears again are the class of the division, but they are starting to pay a price for beating up on their rivals. They must watch them draft early and often. The Bears have led the league in defense for three years in a row. Now they must stop the Bucs' Testaverde, the Packers' Fullwood, and the Vikings' Dozier. The Bears also must hope quarterback Jim McMahon's reconstructed shoulder is mended and that he can stay healthy for a change.

The Vikings still rely on Kramer and that could be enough when he's hot. They also improved their running and defense, the formula of the 1980s.

If the Lions get a good season out of their 1986 No. 1 choice, Long, they could make the kind of move the Vikings made last year. They greatly improved a defense to complement a decent running game.

The Packers and Buccaneers need more drafts to threaten anyone for a playoff spot.



RUSHING-Dickerson, 1,821 yards on 404 carries, 4.5 avg., 11

At San Diego (N) DENVER (N) 29

1987 SCH	EDU	LE	1986 SCORES
September	13	At Houston	
	20	MINNESOTA	
	27	CINCINNATI	
October	4	At New Orleans	
	11.	PITTSBURGH	
	18	At Atlanta	14-26
	26	At Cleveland (N)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
November	1.	SAN FRANCISCO	
	8	NEW ORLEANS	26-13
	15	At St. Louis	16-10
	23	Al Washington (N)	
	29	TAMPA BAY	(OT)26-20
December	6	At Detroit	14-10
	13	ATLANTA	14-7
	21	DALLAS (N)	29-10
	27	At San Francisco (N)	

pressure by throwing three touchdown passes in his debut two months after his arrival. This is what the Rams have been waiting for all their lives.

Still, the Rams blew the NFC West title in the final weeks of the season when they lost to Miami in overtime and to San Francisco when all was on the line. They staggered into the playoffs as a wild card and staggered home 19-7 losers to the Redskins in Washington.

Something was missing and coach John Robinson hopes he has found it. He hired offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese away from the San Diego Chargers to incorporate the famous Charger passing attack with Robinson's famous ground game. If Zampese can do it without turning Dickerson into a decoy, the Rams have the potential to make everyone chase them. In San Diego, where Zampese said he only followed a trail blazed by Don Coryell and Joe Gibbs, the Chargers put together a passing game that won statistical titles but never Super Bowls. Zampese insists that Dickerson will continue to play the major role in his plans and points out the Chargers



LOS ANGELES RAMS

No more Mr. Nice Guy for the Los Angeles Rams. After years of consistently playing well enough to stay on the fringe of the playoffs, they are going to start this season with a real, live, young, bona fide quarterback. Somehow, the Rams always have managed to win without paying much attention to the one position everyone else considers vital. They've had runners and blockers and tacklers and even some marvelous receivers, but when it came to quarterback, they made do.

Finally, after Dieter Brock and Steve Bartkowski followed in the faint footsteps of retreads such as Bert Jones and Joe Namath, the Rams decided to go all out for a quarterback who could do more than hand off to Eric Dickerson. They sent two good linemen-Kent Hill and William Fuller-and two No. 1 draft choices plus a No. 5 to the Houston Oilers for Jim Everett. Such a payout automatically elevated Everett from a normal No. 1 into a franchise savior. Everett added to his own



were best when Chuck Muncie was in his heyday. But it is no easy trick to meld the run and pass so that everybody is happy.

"It's not a case of, 'Gee, let's throw 40 times a game now,'" Robinson explained. "The worst thing in the world for us would be to finish No. 1 in the league in passing. That would be a tragedy. Number four or five wouldn't be bad, though. What we don't want is 20 points between our pass ranking and our run ranking." Last year, the Rams were fourth in rushing and 28th in passing, the second year in a row they ranked last in that category.

"The running attack won't be messed with at all," Zampese said. "Eric Dickerson will get the football. What the Rams want to do is get enough passing to keep teams from jamming the line with eight or nine defensive guys."

Dickerson is the premier runner in the league and appears durable enough to stay on top for years. His total of 1,821 yards last year was the sixth-best in NFL history. Only eight times has an NFL back rushed for more than 1,800 yards and Dickerson has now done it three times in four seasons. Unfortunately, Dickerson led the league in fumbles with 15 and fumbled three more times against Washington in the playoffs, killing the Rams' chances. His fumbling seems to come with the territory. Perhaps a passing attack will al-



leviate the pressure he must feel to carry an entire team without dropping it. With Dickerson around, the outstanding talent and contributions of fellow running back Barry Redden are often lost. Redden gained 467 yards, no easy task on a team with Dickerson.

Although Everett's impact was notable and he quickly earned the respect of his teammates, his statistics for his five-game stint were below average. He completed only 49.7 percent of his passes and threw as many interceptions as touchdowns (8). The benefit of a training camp should make a considerable difference. Steve Dils and second-year prospect Hugh Millen will back up Everett.

The Rams' passing game also suffered last year from a lack of continuity at other positions. Receiver Henry Ellard ended up leading the club in receptions despite sitting out seven games in a contract dispute that may reflect deepening potential problems with the franchise. Although they have averaged 10

wins a season and made the playoffs every year since Robinson took over in 1983, they had the lowest payroll of any team in the playoffs last year. Kevin House, a pickup from Tampa Bay, replaced disappointing speedster Ron Brown at receiver opposite Ellard in the 15th week of the season. Darren Long followed Damone Johnson, Mike Guman, and Tony Hunter as a starter at the U-Back position. Tight end David Hill is the only receiver who started all 16 games.

The Rams always field one of the best offensive lines in football and this year should be no exception. Second-year guard Tom Newberry is the latest potential Pro Bowler on a starting five that had three go to Hawaii last year—guard Dennis Harrah for the fifth time and tackle Jackie Slater and center Doug Smith for the third time. Left tackle Irv Pankey is solid and last year's No. 1 draft choice, Mike Schad, is expected to show something after spending his rookie year on injured reserve. Duval Love and Tony Slaton are backups.

Robinson is happy enough with his offensive potential to have spent his first five draft picks for defense. Since the Rams already were fifth in the league in overall defense, the strategy seems to mirror that of the New York Giants, who finished second in defense and used their first six picks of the 1985 draft for defense. Having given up their first-round choice for Everett, they started in the second round with a boom-or-bust pick in defensive end Donald Evans of Winston-Salem State. He is a former running back and tight end who grew into a 6-2, 267-pound pass rusher with exceptional speed. If he can make the transition, he will give the Rams a needed boost. The starting front three of ends Doug Reed and Reggie Doss and nose tackle Shawn Miller is good, as three-man fronts go, and Charles DeJurnett, Greg Meisner, and Gary Jeter rotate regularly. None is the dominating force every team is seeking. The Rams drafted two other defensive linemen: Northern Illinois' Doug Bartlett and Connecticut's Scott Mersereau.

At linebacker, the Rams have a very good group in starters Mel Owens and Mike Wilcher outside and Mark Jerue and Carl Ekern inside. Ekern made the Pro Bowl and Jerue got honorable mention for an all-NFL team while the best inside linebacker on the team, Jim Collins, was on injured reserve. Owens boasts that nobody runs or passes his way. Add fourth-round pick Larry Kelm of Texas A&M to backups Jim Laughlin, Norwood Vann, Kevin Green, and Cliff Thrift and the competition should be interesting.

The Rams also added help in the secondary, which is traditionally strong. Starting cornerbacks Jerry Gray and LeRoy Irvin are among the best tandems in the league. Both went to the Pro Bowl. Free safety Vince Newsome, playing ahead of Johnnie Johnson, led the club in tackles. Nolan Cromwell remains at strong safety. The newcomer, third-rounder Clifford Hicks of Oregon, will add depth at cornerback and safety.

Place-kicker Mike Lansford and punter Dale Hatcher provide better than average kicking. Although Hatcher lost five yards off his average as a rookie Pro Bowler, he was among league leaders in punts inside the 20. Brown, once the most feared kickoff-return man in the league, did not score a touchdown. Ellard got help from Mickey Sutton as a punt returner.

RAMS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pas	ht i	wt .	age	NFL exp	callege
89	Brown, Ron	WR	5-11	181	26	3	Arizona Stale
53	Busick, Steve	. LB	6-4	227	28	7	USC
08	Collins, Jim	LB	6-2	235	29	7	Syracuse
72	Cox, Robert	OT	6-4	255	24	R*	UCLA-
21	Cromwell, Nolan .	5	6-1	200	32	10	Kansas
70	DeJurnett, Charles	.NT	6-4	260	35	12	San Jose St.
29	Dickerson, Eric			218		4	SMU
8	Dils, Steve		6-1	191	32	8	Stanford
71	Doss, Reggie :		6-4	263		9	Hampton Inst.
55	Ekern, Carl		6-3	230		10	San Jose State
30	Ellard, Henry	WR	5-11	175		4	Fresno State
11	Everett, Jim		6-5	212	24	R	Purdue
18	Fox, Tim		5-11	186		-11	Ohio State
53	Goebel, Hank	OT	6-7	270		B	
25			6-0	185		2	Texas
91	Gray, Jerry	LD				2	
	Greene, Kevin		6-3	238			
44	Guman, Mike		6-2		29		
	Harrah, Dennis		6-5	265		12	Miami
3	Hatcher, Dale		6-2	200		2	Clemson
81	Hill David		6-2	240		11	Texas A&1
83	House, Kevin	WR	6-1	185	30	7	Southern Illinois
87	Hunter, Tony	. TE	6-4	237	27	5	Notre Darne
47	Irvin. LeRoy	CB	5-11	184	30	7	Kansas
59	Jerue, Mark	.LB	6-3	232	27	4	Washington
77	Jeter, Gary		6-4	260	32	10	USC
86	Johnson, Damone		6-4	230	25	R	Cal Poly SLO
20	Johnson, Johnnie .		0.5002.00	183		7	Texas
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57	Laughlin, Jim		6-1	222			Ohio State
45	Long, Darren		6-3	240		B	Long Beach St.
67	Love, Duval		6-3		24	2	UCLA
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90	McDonald, Mike		6-1		29		USC
69	Meisner, Greg		6-3		28	6	Piltsburgh
12	Millen, Hugh		6-4	212		R	Washington
98	Miller, Shawn	.NI	6-4	255		3	Utah State
66	Newberry, Tom		6-2	279		R	WisLaCrosse
22	Newsome, Vince .		6-1		26	4	Washington
58	Owens, Mel	LB	6-2	224	29	6	Michigan
75	Pankey, Irv		6-4	267	29	7	Penn State
30	Redden, Barry	. RB	5-10	205	27	5	Richmond
93	Reed, Doug	. DE	6-3	262	27	3	San Diego St.
76	Schad, Mike		6-5	285	23	R	Queens College
97	Schamel, Duke		6-2	220	24	1	South Dakota
48	Scott, Chuck		6-2	202		1	Vanderbilt
78	Slater, Jackie		6-4	271		11	Jackson State
61	Slaton Tony	C	6-4	265		3	USC
56	Smith, Doug	0	6-3	253		9	Bowling Green
49	Sutton Miskou	CO	5-8	165		R	Montana
	Sutton, Mickey						
52	Thrift, Cliff		6-2	235		8	E Central Okla
32	Tyrrell, Tim			201		3	Northern III.
51	Vann, Norwood				25		East Carolina
33	White, Charles	RB	5-10	190			USC
54	Wilcher, Mike			240	27	4	North Carolina
99	Wright, Alvin			285	26	R	Jacksonville St.
88	Young, Michael .			185	25	2	UCLA

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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

The San Francisco 49ers were on their way toward a very satisfying season after a remarkable comeback by quarterback Joe Montana when suddenly, they were left to ponder the future in the wake of a 49–3 playoff loss to the New York Giants.

The Giants had a way of forcing teams to stop and think. The Chicago Bears had a similar effect a year earlier, as did the 49ers themselves in 1984. Opponents who thought they were pretty good found out they had pretty far to go to catch up. In all three cases, defense made the difference. For the Bears and Giants, linebackers made the difference. The 49ers don't appear to have the linebackers, but defense was the strength of their team again in 1986.

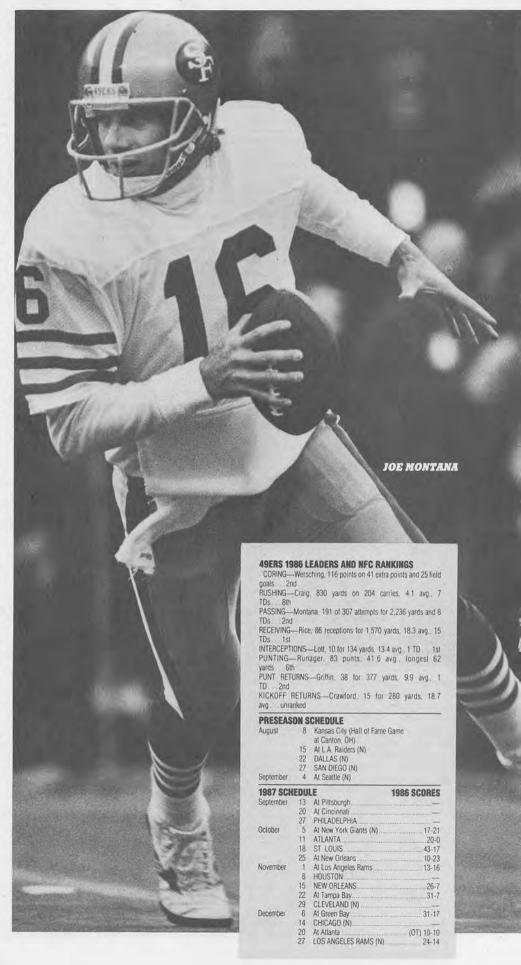
This is a good sign because the 49ers are in the process of revamping their offense from front to back. Coach Bill Walsh even made arrangements for the eventual exit of his great quarterback by acquiring the promising and talented Steve Young from the beleaguered Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Walsh wants Montana to gain 10 pounds in order to regain the strength he claims Montana lost after back surgery early in the season. After missing only eight games, Montana made a comeback that surprised even his surgeon. Although he was shaky at times, ran stiffly, and didn't have the same zip on the ball, the 49ers rallied to win their division. Then reality hit in the form of Giants' nose tackle Jim Burt, who knocked Montana unconscious while he threw an interception returned for a touchdown by linebacker Lawrence Taylor.

"More than anything, Joe's loss of weight through surgery affected him the most," Walsh said. "He never really gained it back, and he wasn't as strong as he was accustomed to." According to Montana, Walsh is always wanting him to gain weight.

Montana remains the key to the 49ers, although Young is an interesting addition. When Montana was hurt, Jeff Kemp filled in admirably. But Young arrives with more fanfare and more potential after suffering with the lowly Bucs. According to some people, Young has been a disappointment. According to people like Bears' coach Mike Ditka, he was a steal for the 49ers, who got him for second- and fourth-round draft choices and cash. "You don't come in and replace a legend," Young said. "I think they made this move because they want me to come in and take over when Joe Montana retires, whenever that is."

Changes in other areas of the offense are first on the agenda. "We are reaching a developmental time, but it's not a time in which we are devoting to rebuilding this team. That's not how we're looking at it," Walsh said. "Some of our older players are nearing the end of their careers and our younger players will contend for starting jobs."

Knee surgery to wide receiver Dwight Clark threatens his career and leaves a potential open spot opposite all-pro receiver Jerry Rice. In his second season, Rice had 86 catches for 1,570 yards and 14 touchdowns and scored a 15th on a reverse. Nobody was better than Rice in 1986, even though the memory of a dropped touchdown in the Giants' loss haunted his offseason. On the other side, Walsh has hopes for second-year man John Taylor of Delaware State, who spent his rookie season on injured reserve. After he got



well, he had practices that made coaches drool. Veteran Ken Margerum and young Derrick Crawford are the other backups in a thin group without Clark. Fifth-round receiver Paul Jokisch, a 6-7 former basketball player at Michigan, may be in the right place at the right time. Age also is creeping up on tight end Russ Francis, who has not been threatened much by young John Frank.

Change is expected at running back after Walsh spent a No. 1 draft choice on Clemson's Terrence Flagler, 5-11, 199-pounder who led his team in rushing last year while playing with Atlanta's second-round choice, Kenny Flowers. "Flagler is a big-play back," Walsh said. "He can make people miss. He has excellent durability and has the speed to go all the way." Flagler is expected to replace the retired Wendell Tyler and take some pressure off workhorse Roger Craig, who suffered from a hip injury last year. Joe Cribbs, who tried to replace Tyler, has yet to look like the back he was in Buffalo and the USFL.

In the offensive line, change will be most apparent after Walsh used his first draft choice to land North Carolina's Harris Barton and his first in the second round to take USC's Jeff Bregel. Barton will challenge right tackle Keith Fahnhorst and Bregel will compete with Guy McIntyre and Jesse Sapolu for Randy Cross's right-guard spot if Cross shifts to center to replace Fred Quillan. At left guard, John Ayers is being challenged by Bruce Collie. Left tackle is in the hands of Bubba Paris, the only offensive lineman who wasn't starting when Walsh arrived eight years ago. "We won two world championships with our offensive line and we're proud of them. But we've taken steps to replace them," Walsh said. "Barton and Bregel are not project-type players. They are capable of stepping in.

The 49ers are not only good on defense, they are young. Still led by the redoubtable Ronnie Loft, it is poised for improvement in

every area. Lott, who could star in every area. finished his first season as a free safety by leading the league in interceptions and again providing inspiration for teammates. Against Green Bay, he banged his leg on a helmet and left the game for two plays. He came back and made 11 tackles and returned an interception for a touchdown only to later discover he had suffered a hairline fracture. Rookie cornerbacks Tim McKyer and Don Griffin were such pleasant surprises that Walsh expects injured all-pro cornerback Eric Wright to return as a safety. How Wright could get much playing time in front of either Lott or strong safety Carlton Williamson is a mystery. At any rate, Wright, Tory Nixon, and Tom Holmoe are nice for any coach to have around.

Up front, second-year ends Charles Haley and Larry Roberts are expected to be big contributors. If nose tackle Michael Carter and end Jeff Stover return to health, they will help veteran Dwaine Board anchor the line. A comeback by injured draft choice Kevin Fagan would also be a plus.

Like everyone else, Walsh is looking for impact linebackers, or at least enough tacklers to stop people before they get to the secondary. Walsh is expecting more from Tom Cousineau and he hopes talented Todd Shell can escape the injury plague. The 49ers finished





up with Milt McColl and Keena Turner outside and Riki Ellison and Jim Fahnhorst inside. A breakthrough could come from sixth-round draft choice Bob White of Penn State. Although the 6-2, 246-pounder played three years at ackle, he is projected as a linebacker and maybe the aura of Linebacker U. rubbed off.

The 49ers used a seventh-round choice to take Colorado State place-kicker Steve De-Line, an indication of the end of the line for 37-year-old Ray Wersching. Max Runager is the punter. Griffin did double duty as a cornerback and punt-return man; Crawford was the No. 1 kickoff returner. Special teams as well as receiving should benefit with the recovery of Carl Monroe from a groin injury.

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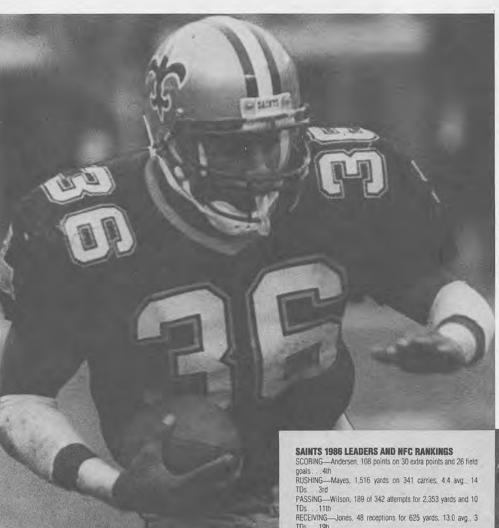
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7	Deline, Steve PK	5-11	180	Colorado State			
8	Grayson, David LB	6-2	220	Fresno State			
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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

RUEBEN MAYES

The New Orleans Saints are getting closer to a significant milestone in their history: a winning season. The law of averages is bound to push this average team over the brink someday. In their first year in New Orleans, general manager Jim Finks and coach Jim Mora fashioned a 7-9 record after a 1-4 start, an indication that momentum is headed in the right direction. To keep it going, the Saints need some luck in the area of health and continued development from good, young players.

"We're a long way from being good enough," Mora said. "We made some progress, sure, but I'm not happy with a 7-9 record. We were better as a team at the end of the season. We have a nucleus of talent, but we've got to add to it.'

Winning more than they lose would be a significant accomplishment in a division that includes the Rams and 49ers. How long before the inevitable? It's still long enough, apparently, for Finks to maintain his pattern of loading up on linemen before adding such skill positions as quarterbacks to his roster.

The Saints paid Bobby Hebert a \$1.2 million signing bonus to help solve their quarterbacking problems. In game three, he broke his foot and was replaced by Dave Wilson. Mora liked

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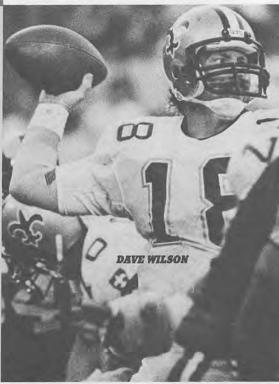
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the way Wilson stood in and took his knocks while completing 55 percent of his passes. He guided the Saints to a 6-6 record while throwing for 17 interceptions and 10 touchdowns. Hebert is again expected to challenge for the starting job, but neither quarterback has proven he is the man to lead the Saints to salvation. "We need to get better in other positions. When we do, our quarterbacking will get better," Finks said.

Finks used similar philosophy in building the Minnesota Vikings and Chicago Bears into contenders. Only when he felt his lines were big and strong and deep enough did he consider the quarterbacking. At this draft, he fooled most observers by again passing up the so-called skill positions in the first round and opting for 6-6, 288-pound defensive tackle Shawn Knight, thus strengthening an area that was already strong by Saints' standards.

Getting receivers for the quarterbacks seemed more pressing than getting quarterbacks, so the Saints used their second-round pick to land Washington's Lonzell "Mo" Hill, hoping the luck of the Evergreen State will hold up for two years. If Hill is anything like last year's No. 3 draft choice, Washington State running back Rueben Mayes, the Saints will have struck lightning twice. The son of former pro J.D. Hill, Lonzell is expected to complement top receiver Mike Jones at a position that has plagued the Saints for years. They have used high draft choices before at wide receiver to no avail. Hill will push Eric Martin, who caught a pass in every game last year but led the club in drops. At tight end, Hoby Brenner and John Tice block better than they catch, although they combined for 59 receptions.

Mayes was the surprise of the draft to everyone including the Saints, who had chosen LSU running back Dalton Hilliard ahead of him. After Mayes took over in game five, he became offensive rookie of the year by gaining 1,353 yards. More remarkable, he did it



despite an Achilles injury requiring postseason surgery that kept him out of the Pro Bowl. The question of who will team with Mayes is still unanswered because fullback Hokie Gajan's future remains in doubt following major knee surgery. Former USFL player Buford Jordan is an overachiever who filled in nicely

Despite injury that distrupted continuity, the Saints' offensive line allowed only 27 sacks, a notable accomplishment considering Wil-

son's lack of mobility. Last year's No. 1 draft choice, Jim Dombrowski, is expected to pick up at left tackle where he left off in the third game with a broken foot. Bill Contz took over and finished the season with right tackle Stan Brock, guards Brad Edelman and Chuck Commiskey, and center Steve Korte. Guard Ralph Williams is expected back from knee surgery and versatile Joel Hilgenberg got experience that will whet his appetite for a starting job. Brock is recovering from postseason surgery. Before the draft, Finks said: "I think it would be very tough for a young man to break in on our offensive or defensive lines." That was before he made Boston College guard Steve Trapilo the Saints' fourth-round choice. The 6-5, 280-pound Trapilo has a chance to make it at either guard or tackle.

Finks spoke before he made Knight the No. 1 pick to add to a defensive line that is improving. "Defensively, we played well against the run, not so well against the pass. But we did show improvement in rushing the passer," Mora said. Knight has the kind of size and strength to disrupt the middle of a line the way Dan Hampton does in Chicago when he plays over the nose in special alignments. Where the Brigham Young giant will line up remains to be seen, but there is always room for one more on any defensive line. Left end Bruce Clark is coming off postseason surgery to correct a troublesome knee. Nose tackle Tony Elliott is inconsistent but better than many expected. Jim Wilks played right end and

moved to the nose when Elliot got hurt. Designated pass rushers Frank Warren and James Geathers played very well. Geathers had nine sacks and Warren 8½ to lead the linemen.

Linebacker Rickey Jackson had nine sacks, led the team in tackles, and made his fourth straight Pro Bowl. Mora stuck 5-9, 225-pound USFL stalwart Sam Mills at inside linebacker beside 1985 No. 1 draft choice Alvin Toles and benched former inside starter Jack Del Rio. On the right side, James Haynes played well and will be challenged by second-year man Pat Swilling.

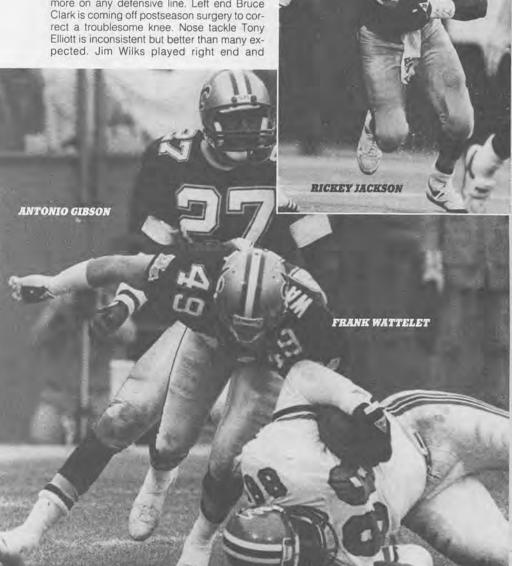
In the secondary, Dave Waymer had a career-high nine interceptions, tying for the league lead among cornerbacks. Johnnie Poe will be challenged by two draft picks: Arkansas State's Michael Adams and Alcorn State's

Milton Mack. Both are developing talents with speed. Frank Wattelet is the free safety and Antonio Gibson the strong safety Mora brought from the USFL. Dana McLemore, Bobby Johnson, and Brett Maxie are reserves.

Morten Andersen is a Pro Bowl place-kicker and Mel Gray finished second in the league in kickoff returns. The Saints finished high in punt coverage, but Brian Hansen tailed off after a good start.

"Generally speaking, I like the players' attitude," Mora said. "I liked the way they came back at 1-4, 3-5, and 6-8." The Saints seem to be improving, but Mora doesn't let them coast. "In my six years here, discipline is something we could have used more of," observed Wattelet. "Coach Mora has a tough work ethic. That's the way it's got to be."

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ATLANTA FALCONS

Football is a sport that seems to take funnier bounces in Atlanta than in many other parts of the country. Take coach Marion Campbell, who is bouncing back as head coach of the Falcons after previous stints in Atlanta (1974-76) and Philadelphia (1983-85). Atlanta owner Rankin Smith Sr. spent 43 days trying to find the successor for fired Dan Henning after the Falcons completed their fourth straight losing season, 7-8-1. "We looked all over the world for a guy we thought could do the job when the best man was right here all along,' said Smith

Dick Vermeil turned them down, then Terry Donahue. After the names of Howard Schnellenberger, David Shula, Bill Parcells, and Dan Reeves came up, Smith turned to Henning's defensive coordinator, Campbell, the 57year-old Swamp Fox

"Although we had a lot of fun poked at us, I know for a fact they weren't offering this job to every Tom, Dick, and Harry," Campbell said. "They set their sights high with the people they talked to, and then for me to step up next didn't bother me. . . and it didn't surprise me.'

Campbell had helped turn the Falcon defense from 25th in the league to 7th only one year after Henning talked him into taking the job. But Henning must get a lot of credit for drafting nose tackle Tony Casillas ahead of quarterback Jim Everett. After the offense-oriented Henning was gone, defense-minded Campbell drafted Oregon quarterback Chris Miller No. 1. It wasn't the first time Campbell has provided a club with a quarterback of the future. He drafted Steve Bartkowski No. 1 in Atlanta in 1975 and drafted Randall Cunningham No. 2 in Philadelphia in 1985. This time, Campbell hopes to stick around long enough to enjoy the future.

"I don't intend on making a lot of wholesale changes," Campbell said. "Our moves will be



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team than we did the first time I was named coach here.'

The first thing Campbell did was hire former Colts' head coach Rod Dowhower and former Cardinals' head coach Jim Hanifan to run the Falcons' offense. In fact, it may have helped Campbell get the job when the Smith family read that Dowhower and Hanifan were ready to join Campbell. Hanifan and Dowhower helped build the potent offenses of the Cardinals with quarterbacks Jim Hart and Neil Lomax. Miller can be assured of sound schooling in his early years.

The drafting of Miller did not automatically assure him of a starting job, not if David Archer has anything to say about it. The free agent Archer led the league in passing at the start of last season and the Falcons won their first four games. Then in week 11, the Chicago Bears put Archer out for the year with a sepa-

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DAVE ARCHER

rated shoulder. Miller and Archer are similar in that both are good, mobile athletes. It was reported that Campbell was looking to draft Kelly Stouffer first because of Stouffer's arm strength. But the Cardinals beat him to it. At any rate, the Falcons figure that their quarterbacking will turn out better than it's been since Bartkowski got old and left. The Falcons finished 25th in passing last year.

Joining assistant head coach and line coach Hanifan and coordinator Dowhower is receivers coach Jimmy Raye, former offensive coordinator of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Raye has a veteran group in starters Charlie Brown and second-year surprise Floyd Dixon plus several post-injury cases looking for comebacks. Those include former USFL players Anthony Allen, Joey Jones, and Aubrey Matthews, veteran Stacey Bailey, and the ageless Billy "White Shoes" Johnson. "Six of our receivers have been starters, so we're experienced here and I'm looking for a big

year," Campbell said.

Dowhower and Hanifan are going to vary from Henning's one-back attack and give full-back Gerald Riggs some help. They hope it will come from second-round halfback Kenny Flowers of Clemson, the school's all-time leading rusher. The powerful and durable Riggs gained 1,327 yards and four other runners including Archer gained over 200 yards apiece. The Falcons finished third in the NFL in rushing, but they need more flexibility. During a six-week stretch, Riggs managed only 366 yards on an average of 3.2 yards a carry and scored just two touchdowns. Flowers has the speed and quickness to threaten outside.

The Falcons have the blockers at tight end to get the job done in any sort of running attack. Campbell is looking for "somebody to come out of this group and be a big-play receiver." Starter Arthur Cox, a 255-pounder, had one 100-yard day as a receiver. H-back Ken Whisenhunt also is a good blocker. Campbell will give former running back great William Andrews a chance to play more at tight end.

Hanifan's first wish on the offensive line is for health. Right tackle Brett Miller played only half a season before being sidelined with a knee injury. Center Wayne Radloff, left guard John Scully, right guard Bill Fralic, and left tackle Mike Kenn were generally healthy, but the Falcons drafted Southern Illinois tackle Ralph Van Dyke and Wake Forest guard Paul Kiser in the fourth and sixth rounds to shore up the depth. All-pro guard Fralic filled in at tackle and could star anywhere on the line. But the Falcons want to keep him at guard. Big Glen Howe provided depth at tackle last season, and the Falcons are going to have to find a way to survive without center Jeff Van Note for the first time in 18 years.

Campbell will continue to coordinate a defense that performed surprisingly well in a new system. Known for a bend-but-don't-break philosophy, Campbell's Falcons allowed fewer than 21 points 12 times and finished seventh in yards as well. Switching from the 4-3 to the 3-4 forced several starters to play new positions. Campbell expects even more improvement in 1987.

Casillas made 71 of his 111 tackles in the second half of the season. But he is not a pass rusher and that is an area that needs improvement. The Falcons finished next to last in sacks with only 26. Right end Rick Bryan led the club with seven sacks and made over 100 tackles for the third straight year despite playing with a cracked bone in his leg. Left end Mike Gann led the club in quarterback hurries. Gann, Casillas, and Bryan started every game, but Campbell expects continued sup-

port from Mike Pitts, Andrew Provence, and Dennis Harrison.

The expected development of second-year man Tim Green at linebacker should make a considerable difference. A No. 1 choice along with Casillas last year, Green was hampered by a calf muscle injury. He started the season finale and provided a look into the future by making 12 tackles. Inside linebacker Buddy Curry led the club in tackles for the seventh year in a row and was complemented on the inside by John Rade. Outside backers Reggie Wilkes and Joel Williams started after coming from Philadelphia with Campbell. Wilkes became a coach on the field in the new system. Joe Costello and Aaron Brown are special teams' contributors and backups.

In the secondary, the Falcons got a pleasant surprise when former safety Scott Case was moved to right cornerback and came through with four interceptions and 41 passes defensed. Teams constantly went after him and Case usually came through. Left cornerback Bobby Butler played only seven games before breaking his leg, an injury that contributed to the Falcon downfall. He was the only starter from 1985. David Croudip replaced him and got valuable experience. Free safety Bret Clark led the club in interceptions after arriving from the USFL. Free-agent rookie Robert Moore subbed for Kenny Johnson at





strong safety and played well. Wendell Cason, Dennis Woodberry, James Britt, and Jimmy Turner will fight for backup slots.

Back surgery for place-kicker Mick Luckhurst in January put his career in limbo. Ali Haji-Sheikh was signed. Rick Donnelly's punting average of 43.9 was a personal best. White Shoes Johnson keeps adding to his NFL record 3,105 yards in punt returns; Sylvester Stamps is the kickoff-return man.

"The NFL playoff structure allows for strong finishes," Campbell said. "We have to be ready to have a positive attitude all year and then take our chances at the finish."

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	15	At Philadelphia	17-14
	22	At New Orleans	20-17
	29	At Washington	24-14
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The world champion New York Giants open defense of their title on Monday night, September 14, in Chicago against the former world champion Bears. The National Football League doesn't like to prolong suspense. No easing into the season for these guys. If the Giants want to become the first team of the 1980s to repeat, they have to earn it early and often. After the Bears, the Giants get no rest against Dallas, Miami, San Francisco, and Washington in successive weeks.

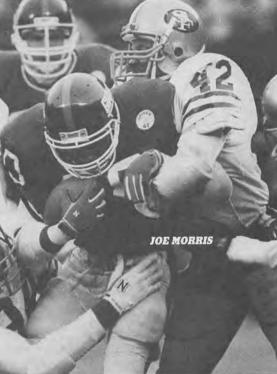
By October, coach Bill Parcells should know whether his team has a shot again. On paper, there is no reason to think they don't, unless you count the schedule. The Giants ripped through last season without suffering from the one weakness everybody suspected they had-wide receiver. Then they addressed that position in the draft not once, not twice, but three times in their first four picks.

As usual, the Giants do not appear to be fooling around. They are solid everywhere and are not yet burdened by the distractions that helped unravel the Bears the year before. Unlike the Bears of 1985, they refused a trip to London for a preseason game that would have cut their short offseason shorter. They are not yet in the Bears' class when it comes to national endorsements, commercials, and general celebrity.

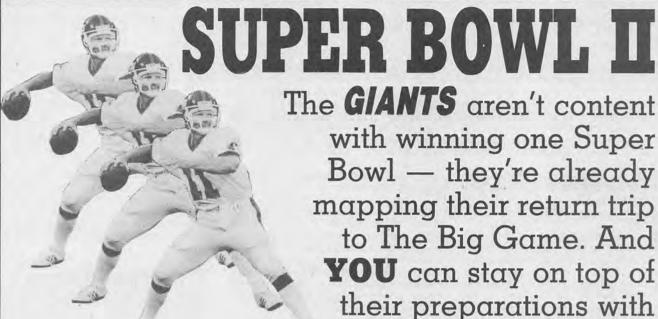
Parcells made inquiries about leaving, but his contract was extended and expanded. Since a 3-12-1 record in his first year in 1983, Parcells has guided the Giants to the playoffs three years in a row. Entering their opener

cells emphasized longer passes last season, even though the Giants had the capability to win with a more conservative ball-control running attack and defense. Simms loved the leeway and proved his worth against the 49ers late in the season when he overcame a 17-0 halftime deficit. With faster receivers now, Simms could be even more effective.

Michigan State's Mark Ingram was the No. 1 choice. He is expected to be the kind of immediate impact player that is difficult for Super Bowl champions to find at the bottom of the first round. He will challenge starters Bobby



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Johnson and Stacy Robinson for playing time. In the third and fourth rounds, the Giants took receivers Stephen Baker of Fresno State and Odessa Turner of Northwest Louisiana—a Mutt and Jeff combo. After one look at the 5-7 Baker in the team's spring minicamp, Parcells labeled him the quickest player he had ever seen with the Giants. Turner is a 6-3, 205-pounder who will push for a backup spot at least. Injury-prone Lionel Manuel, second-year prospect Solomon Miller, and one of the Super Bowl heroes, Phil McConkey, all will be in the scramble for jobs.

"If one of our current receivers is worried about the draft because we took those guys, it's too bad," said Parcells. "I think our guys are competitive. I think they know you have to compete for a job every year in this league."

Parcells has an embarrassment of riches at tight end, where Mark Bavaro established himself as the best in the business while Zeke Mowatt was recovering from knee surgery. Now Mowatt is back working hard and Parcells might use more formations with two tight ends. Bavaro might not match last year's all-pro receiving numbers, but his blocking and all-round play remain vital. The Giants also drafted a good blocking tight end in Washington's Rod Jones.

If running back George Adams, their 1985 No. 1 draft choice, returns from a chipped pelvis injury that sidelined him in 1986, he is expected to team with Joe Morris in the same backfield. Starting fullback Maurice Carthon, a major contributor to the 1,516-yard season for Morris, would be strictly a blocker in special situations. Morris is as good as there is, but the depth is questionable. Lee Rouson will be pushed by ninth-rounder Dana Wright of Findlay. Veterans Ottis Anderson and Tony Galbreath won't both make the team.

The offensive line—The Suburbanites—is expected to remain intact with tackles Brad Benson and Karl Nelson, guards Billy Ard and Chris Godfrey, and center Bart Oates. If there is a breakthrough, it could be by 1984 first-rounder William Roberts at left tackle, but Benson has been remarkably effective in a position vital to Simms's health. Guard Damian Johnson is a 6-6, 295-pounder whom Parcells calls his best run blocker. He could challenge Godfrey. More depth at guard should come from the draft with Miami's Paul O'Connor and Nebraska's Stan Parker.

On defense, Parcells could be forgiven for doing nothing, but the Giants are not expected to stand pat. After all, they were second to the Bears in overall defense, first against the run, and only 19th against the pass, so there is

plenty of room for improvement.

Eric Dorsey, the 1986 No. 1 choice who came on with three sacks in the playoffs, is supposed to supplant veteran George Martin at left end. Martin will stick around as a situation player. Nose tackle Jim Burt will have his hands full staving off a challenge from last year's second-round pick, Erik Howard. Right end Leonard Marshall, who led the line with 12 sacks, is solid.

At linebacker, Parcells has so many players he is toying with formations that have five of them on the field at the same time. Left-side stalwart Carl Banks is finally emerging from the huge shadow cast by right-side rusher Lawrence Taylor, still the most feared defensive player in football. Taylor had 20 1/2 sacks last season, a number put into perspective by noting that the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' entire team had 19. Harry Carson plans to stick around for more fun in the middle in his 12th season. Gary Reasons faces a challenge from second-year prospect Pepper Johnson beside Carson. That leaves Andy Headen, the team's fastest linebacker, on the outside looking in. Parcells would like to see him on the

field more. Other backups are Byron Hunt and Robbie Jones.

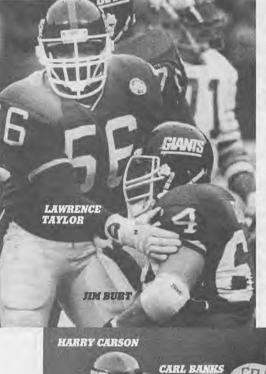
Change is possible in the secondary, where Florida safety Adrian White was a second-round draft choice and could play free safety ahead of fill-in Herb Welch if Terry Kinard is not recovered from December knee surgery. Strong safety Kenny Hill played very well to keep a 1986 second-rounder, Greg Lasker, on the bench. But Hill is coming off arthroscopic surgery on both ankles. At cornerback, Perry Williams is the only defensive starter to have played every down while games were close. Second-year man Mark Collins should stay ahead of Elvis Patterson on the left side.

As if they needed one more unfair advantage, the Giants are solid on special teams with Raul Allegre kicking and Sean Landeta punting. McConkey handled returns with Collins and Miller.

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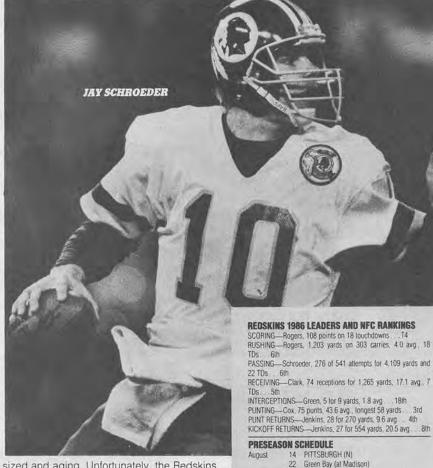
The Redskins could argue they were the second-best team in football last year. After all, they proved it three times in losses to the champion New York Giants. The third loss came in the NFC title game and kept the Redskins out of their third Super Bowl in five years. During that period, the Redskins' record of 63-21 is the best in football. The Redskins also lost to the Super Bowl runner-up Denver Broncos, but that was only once. Aside from those four losses to the Giants and Broncos, they were 14-1, including a convincing beating of the defending champion Bears in Chicago in the playoffs.

"We were able to beat every top team in our conference—San Francisco, Minnesota, the Rams, Dallas, Chicago—except one, the Giants. I guess it just means that we're number two, and we'll just have to try harder," said coach Joe Gibbs.

After his 17–0 loss to the Giants in the title game, Gibbs said he was looking for 18 points to get him to the next Super Bowl. That's where the Redskins plan to be in January. They figure if they could lose quarterback Joe Theismann and running back John Riggins the same year and hardly skip a beat, no goal is beyond immediate hope and expectation. If they are to get past the Giants, the burden again lies with the quarterback and the runner, Jay Schroeder and George Rogers.

To compete with the Giants, the Redskins are looking for "a bigger, stronger, more physical team," according to general manager Bobby Beathard. This is of special concern on defense, where the linebacking is under-





sized and aging. Unfortunately, the Redskins did little to shore up that area in the draft.

Schroeder was outstanding in his first full season at quarterback. Possessing a big arm and remarkable poise, he pulled out six victories when the Redskins were behind by 10 points or fewer going into the fourth quarter. He completed 10 passes of more than 59 yards. At 6-4, 215 pounds and mobile, Schroeder dared teams to blitz him and burned them regularly with long passes or timely scrambles. He broke team records held by Sonny Jurgensen for pass attempts and yardage, becoming the first Skins' quarterback to get over 4,000 yards (4,109). His performance earned him a Pro Bowl berth ahead of the Giants' Phil Simms.

"Everybody was looking at our quarterback, asking what he was going to be like," Gibbs said. "Do we have a quarterback to take us to the Super Bowl? That's his and my challenge." Schroeder's first challenge is to cut down on his interceptions. Although he connected for 22 touchdown passes, he also misfired for as many interceptions, which knocked his passer rating down to the middle of the pack.

The Redskins are big, strong, and physical in the backup quarterback department as long as they have former Buccaneer and USFL jumper Doug Williams. With an arm and poise similar to Schroeder's, Williams gave the Redskins a sense of security last season that few other teams enjoy.

Schroeder is helped considerably by a receiving tandem that is among the league's best. Art Monk and Gary Clark combined for 147 receptions, 2,333 yards, and 11 touch-

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downs. Monk caught 73 passes and Clark 74, so it was futile to shut down one and let the other run. Monk made his third straight Pro Bowl and has caught more passes (270) during that time than any receiver in the NFL. Clark was challenging for the league lead last season until an ankle injury held him without a catch the final two weeks. He also was shut out in the championship game and had a critical drop on an apparent sure touchdown.

As if two weren't enough, third receiver Ricky Sanders led the club in yardage per catch with 20.4 and two touchdowns. Tight end Clint Didier averaged 20.3 yards and caught four touchdowns. His 691 yards receiving was the second-best ever by a Redskin tight end. Didier and Don Warren are in Gibbs's double-tight-end offense. Warren is a solid blocker on a corps of fine blockers. They are backed by Terry Orr.

Rogers is the workhorse running back, but the Redskins have one of the league's most versatile and talented backs in Kelvin Bryant. Rogers led the NFL in touchdowns with 18. He carried 303 times for 1,203 yards and has a current streak of 118 carries without a fumble. Former USFL star Bryant missed six games with a knee injury, yet gained 707 yards running and catching and scored seven touchdowns in 10 games. In one outing against the Giants, he caught a club-record 13 balls. A healthy Bryant will give the Redskins a healthy boost. Keith Griffin is a reliable backup, and the Redskins gambled on further depth by drafting Texas Tech's Tim Smith in the fifth round. He hasn't played much in two years because of injuries, but scouts ranked him high on potential.

Up front, the "Hogs" remain alive and well, Tackles Joe Jacoby and Mark May, guards Russ Grimm and R.C. Thielemann, and center Jeff Bostic boast 12 Pro Bowls among them and the experience of 50 playoff contests. They seldom miss games and have endured the test of time since line coach Joe Bugel tagged them with his nickname in 1982. All



but Thielemann are original Hogs, with Thielemann joining the group in 1985. In an effort to add depth, the Redskins made huge Notre Dame defensive tackle Wally Kleine a second-round draft choice with the hope of converting the 6-9, 310-pounder to an offensive tackle. Kleine will compete with tackle Dan McQuaid and guards Raleigh McKenzie and Ron Tilton for backup duty.

The Redskins' desire to get bigger on defense was not fulfilled in the draft, so they will have to get better some other way. Assuming 36-year-old left tackle Dave Butz will stick with plans to continue playing, the defense won't get smaller. At 6-8, 295 going on 325, Butz is a remarkably durable giant who played one of his best games in the final loss to the Giants. He and left end Charles Mann are the anchors of a front four that is overwhelmed by publicity to flamboyant right end Dexter Manley. Right

tackle Darryl Grant is a steady performer.

After a spectacular year of 18 sacks and constant controversy regarding his contract, Manley must come back from a bout with alcohol abuse. Although he has more sacks than anyone else in the league since the statistic was officially recognized in 1982, Manley is sometimes more bother than worth for the straight-arrow Gibbs. Second-year end Markus Koch and third-year tackle Dean Hamel provide depth and prospects for the future.

It is at linebacker where the Redskins have concern. Neal Olkewicz, Rich Milot, and Monte Coleman are steady, productive starters who have played a large part in the Redskins' success of the 1980s. But they are neither big nor young. They came in together in 1979 and all will celebrate their 30th birthday in 1987. Compared with the big, mobile, young, gamebreaking linebackers in New York and Chicago, they don't match up. The return of Mel Kaufman from an Achilles' heel injury should help, but he is smaller than any of the others and not the answer for the future.

Cornerback Darrell Green is an all-pro who led the club in interceptions with five. His speed allowed him to match up every week with the opponent's fastest receiver. On the other side, the Redskins line up with Vernon Dean. Second-year strong safety Alvin Walton and veteran free safety Curtis Jordan are coming off solid performances. Help for the secondary should come from top draft choice Brian Davis of Nebraska, who arrived in the second round. Davis is an interesting prospect, a former wrestler who played one year of football in high school, two at a community



college, and two at Nebraska.

Punter Steve Cox averaged 43.6 yards and booted two field goals of 55 and 57 yards. Place-kicker Jess Atkinson salvaged a near-disaster at the position by hitting a perfect six-for-six field goals in the playoffs after joining the team in December. Ken Jenkins and Eric Yarber return kickoffs and punts.

The Skins are a much better than average team planning to get better than the Giants.

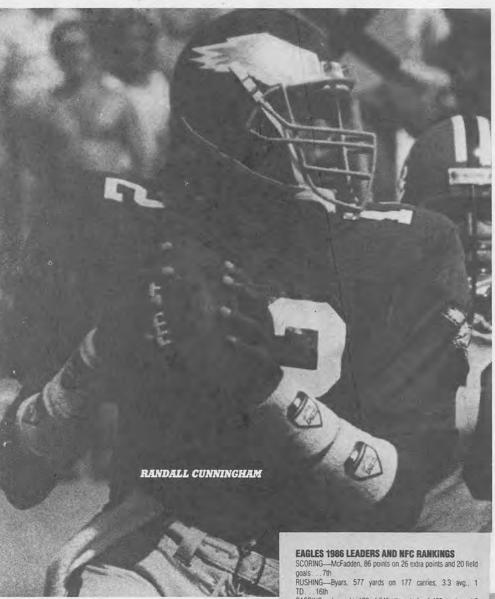


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53	Bostic, Jeff		6-2	260	29	8	Clemson
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29	Branch Reggie .		5-11	227	25	3	East Carolina
24	Bryant, Kelvin		6-2	195	27	2	North Carolina
58			6-1	230	24	2	LSU
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84	Clark, Gary		5-9	173	25	3	James Madison
48	Coffey, Ken		6-0	198	27	4	SW Texas State
51	Coleman, Monte		6-2	230	30	9	Central Ark.
56	Copeland, Anthony		6-2	250	24	1	Louisville
12	Cox, Sleve		6-4	195	29	7	Arkansas
56	Daniels, Calvin	. LB	6-3	241	29	6	North Carolina
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86	Didier, Clint	. TE	6-5	240	28	6	Portland St.
21	Fells, Kenny	. RB	6-0	190	23	1	Henderson St.
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30	Garner, Dwight	. RB	5-8	183	23	2	California
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77	Grant, Darryl		6-1	275	28	7	Rice
28	Green, Darrell		5-8	170	27	5	Texas A&I
35			5-8	185	26	4	Miami
68	Grimm, Russ		6-3	275	28	7	Pittsburgh
78	Hamel, Dean		6-3	275	26	3	Tulsa
64			6-4	255	26	3	East Carolina
	Hamilton, Steve						
88	Holloway, Derek		5-7	166		2	Arkansas
66	Jacoby, Joe		6-7	305	28	7	Louisville
31	Jenkins, Ken	. RB	5-8	185	28	5	Bucknell
82	Jones, Anthony	. TE	6-3	248	27	4	Wichita State
22	Jordan, Curtis		6-2	205	33	11	Texas Tech
55	Kaulman, Mel		6-2	218		6	Cal Poly-SLO
74	Koch, Markus		6-5	275	24	2	Boise State
54	Krakoski, Joe	. LB	6-1	224	25	1	Washington
72	Manley, Dexter	. DE	6-3	257	28	7	Oklahoma St.
71	Mann, Charles	DE	6-6	270	26	5	Nevada-Reno
73	May, Mark	T	6-6	295	28	7	Pittsburgh
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60	McQuaid, Dan	T	6-7	278	27	3	UNLV
57	Milot, Rich	. LB	6-4	237	30	9	Penn State
81	Monk, Art		6-3	209		8	Syracuse
41	Morrison, Tim	CB	6-1	195	24	2	North Carolina
52	Olkewicz, Neal	18	6-0	233	30	9	Maryland
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85	Warren, Don	. , TE	6-4	242	31	9	San Diego St.
45	Wilburn, Barry	CB	6-3	186	24	3	Mississippi
17	Williams, Doug		6-4	220	32	7	Grambling
			5-8	156	24	2	Idaho
08	Yarber, Eric						

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2	Kleine, Wally 0	IT	6-9	310	Notre Dame
5	Smith, Tim 8	B	5-11	216	Texas Tech
6	Gage, Steve QB/	S	6-3	210	Tulsa
6	Simmons, Ed	T	6-5	275	E. Washington
7	Thomas, Johnny D	B	5-9	190	Baylor
8	Vaughri, Clarence L	B	6-0	204	Northern Illinois
9	Jenkins, Alfred R	В	6-4	230	Arizona
10	Wilson, Ted W	R	5-9	170	Central Florida
11	Brown, Laron W		5-10	175	Texas
12	Hitchcock, Ray	C	6-2	289	Minnesota



PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

The only coach in the NFC East Division who does not pick the New York Giants to repeat is Philadelphia's Buddy Ryan, who picks his Eagles, of course. "If you give your opponents too much respect, you start believing it yourself," Ryan said.

Ryan also had picked the Eagles to win in his first year because "If I don't, nobody else will." After a 5-10-1 debut, Ryan said: "We put together the nucleus to build on. We went through growing pains. When you start seven or eight rookies, that's going to happen. You usually find a way to lose rather than win. But as they mature, we're going to have a great football team in Philadelphia."

Probably not this year, especially after another foot injury to running back Keith Byars. In his initial season, Ryan made 32 personnel changes, an average of two a week. He ended up with 20 new players, 14 rookies, and a quarterback starting for the first time. "The experience they gained is going to help us," Ryan said. "In most cases, the biggest jump in ability and performance that you see in players is from the time they are rookies to the time they go into their sophomore year."

TD: . 16th PASSING—Jaworski, 128 of 245 attempts for 1,405 yards and 8

RECEIVING—Quick, 60 receptions for 939 yards, 15.7 avg., 9 TDs. . . . 11th

INTERCEPTIONS—Waters, 6 for 39 yards, 6.5 avg. . . 10th PUNTING—Teltschik, 108 punts, 41.6 avg. . longest 62 yards . . 5th

PUNT RETURNS—Garrity, 17 for 187 yards, 11.0 avg., 1TD., unranked KICKOFF RETURNS—Crawford, 27 for 497 yards, 18.4

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

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August 15 At N.Y. Jets (N)
21 At New England (N)
29 MIAMI (N)

1987 SCH	EDU	LE	1986 SCORES
September	13	At Washington	14-41
	20	NEW ORLEANS	
	27	At San Francisco	
October	4	CHICAGO	
	11	At Dallas	23-21
	18	At Green Bay	
	25	DALLAS	14-17
November	1	At St. Louis	10-13
	8	WASHINGTON	14-21
	15	NEW YORK GIANTS	
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For Ryan's sake, he must hope so. Owner Norman Braman does not always sound like a patient man. "Buddy made the decision to build with young people and I support that decision," Braman said. "But Buddy realizes that next year it has to register in wins and losses. I'll be disappointed if we're not in the playoffs next year."

The biggest jump the Eagles will need is at quarterback, where they have left everything in the hands and feet of third-year man Randall Cunningham. As a starter, Cunningham will still be in his first year. After playing primarily in third-down situations for the first half of 1986, he started five of the last six games and showed enough promise for the Eagles to let go of veteran Ron Jaworski. Cunningham's arm has been favorably compared to that of Denver's John Elway and his scrambling ability got him 540 yards and 5 TDs.

"That Cunningham, a lot of people don't know about him yet, but he's tough," said Giants' linebacker Lawrence Taylor.

"The fact that we used Randall on third downs, which was a tough situation for him, really matured him a lot faster than if he'd been watching," Ryan said. "Learning is experiencing. We have to be able to win while he's still learning. He'll learn just like Roger Staubach did. He was a great scrambler. There's a time to lie down and a time you have to go for the first down."

Backing up Cunningham is 10-year veteran Matt Cavanaugh, who threw for 260 yards and two touchdowns to beat Dallas in week 15 last year. "Matt is a pro's pro," Ryan said. "He works at the game. He comes in every Tuesday and starts looking at film to get ready regardless of whether he's starting."

With Cunningham in the lineup, wide receiver Mike Quick suddenly became more effective than he had been with Jaworski last year. Quick has been the Eagles' best offensive player of late and with Cunningham at quarterback, he caught 30 of his 60 passes for more than half his yards. "Randall seems to learn more and more every time he steps on learn more and more every time he steps on



corps Ryan calls deeper than any other area on his team. Over the last four years, Quick has caught more touchdown passes (42) than any other NFL player. "He's also a good blocker," Ryan said. Quick is complemented by Kenny Jackson, who got out of Ryan's doghouse by the end of the season and started to live up to his first-round potential. With tall Ron Johnson and small Gregg Garrity available in third-down situations, Cunningham has plenty

Tight ends John Spagnola, Dave Little, and Byron Darby are trying to impress Ryan with better blocking. Spagnola and Little are good receivers and Darby was switched from the defensive line in the middle of last year to bulk up the blocking. "You can't run off tackle if your tight end doesn't block," Ryan said.

Blocking is an area of considerable concern for the Eagles, who gave up an NFLrecord 104 sacks last season. "You can't blame it all on the offensive line," Ryan said. "We had backs who missed blitz pickups and we had quarterbacks who didn't get rid of the ball the way they're supposed to." Cunningham was dumped 72 times.

Offensive line coach Ken Iman was replaced by veteran line coach Bill Walsh, and Ryan drafted Auburn center Ben Tamburello and Tulsa guard David Alexander in rounds three and five, respectively, to provide competition. "The offensive line wasn't as aggressive as I'd like," Ryan said. He had to start eight different combinations last year. There will be competition at tackle, where starters Ken Reeves and Joe Conwell will be pushed by Leonard Mitchell, who is coming off knee surgery. At guard, Ryan moved defensive tackle Reggie Singletary to challenge Bob Landsee and Ron Baker. Matt Darwin will challenge another recovering knee case, Gerry Feehery.

If the blocking improves, the running of second-year backs Byars and Anthony Toney should improve, too. Byars, who hadn't played football for a year and a half because of an injury to his right foot, had a tough baptism yet finished with 577 yards rushing. Both Byars and Toney had trouble learning to block blitzes, but experience will solve that. "More than Randall or anybody else, as Keith Byars goes, so go the Eagles," Ryan said. Byars broke a bone in his left foot in May but was hoping to be ready for the season. Secondyear backup Charles Crawford and veteran Michael Haddix provide the depth.

On defense, Ryan got a step closer to his goals by landing Miami tackle Jerome Brown with his first pick in the draft. The 6-2, 291pounder should fit in immediately somewhere between ends Reggie White and Greg Brown. Ryan called Pro Bowler White "the best I've ever seen" after watching him record 15 of his 18 sacks in the second half of last season. White's improvement was characteristic of the entire defense that was just learning Ryan's "46" scheme. Veteran Ken Clarke and second-year man Clyde Simmons were the starting tackles before the draft. With Brown a sure starter, Ryan has more flexibility in shifting White inside in the "46."

Ryan added linebackers Byron Evans of Arizona and Ron Moten of Florida in rounds four and six. Two second-year men, Seth Joyner chenbach "learned the defense faster than > any guy I've had," Ryan said.

The expected return of free safety Wes Hopkins from knee surgery should buoy the secondary, where Ryan is hyping strong safety Andre Waters for the Pro Bowl. Cornerbacks Roynell Young and Elbert Foules are backed by Evan Cooper and Cedrick Brown. Terry Hoage did an excellent job replacing the injured Hopkins.

More consistency is needed in special teams, where John Teltschik averaged 41.6 yards on an Eagle-record 108 punts and Paul McFadden made only 20 of 31 field goals after two seasons as one of the league's most accurate place-kickers.

The Eagles face the toughest schedule in the NFL based on combined 1986 won-lost records. They have eight games against playoff teams. "It's a great opportunity for us." Ryan said. "If we ever get to the playoffs, at least we'll belong."

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DALLAS COWBOYS

The Dallas Cowboys are down and it's hard to believe they will stay there. It's also hard to believe they can beat out the New York Giants or Washington Redskins in the NFC's toughest division. So where do the Cowboys go? What do they do? Back to the drawing board. Maybe Herschel Walker can play offensive and defensive line in addition to his duties as fullback, tailback, and wide receiver.

To hear coach Tom Landry tell it, the Cowboys are more on a par with the Philadelphia Eagles than with the Giants or Redskins. The Cowboys beat both the Giants and Redskins during a 6-2 start in 1986, but injuries and age caught up with America's Team in a brutal second half when they struggled home 1-7. It included a five-game losing streak that remains intact, a grim offseason reminder that the slide downward has not yet stopped.

'We are the laughingstock of the NFL, and everyone is loving it," said Tony Dorsett.

Confidence is a fragile necessity for success. When it disappears, it is difficult to regain. After 20 winning seasons, the Cowboys' 7-9 showing stopped them short of the only two winning streaks in professional sports that were longer: the New York Yankees at 39 and the Montreal Canadiens at 32. In the NFL, where parity is the ideal, such success ultimately breeds failure.

"Drafting late in the first round through all those winning years just caught up with us," Landry said. "We must find young, impact players, preferably on defense.

Thank heaven and the USFL for the addition of Walker, a bright spot and the Cowboys' best hope for a quick revival. "Herschel is like having the first choice in the draft and we haven't had that type of choice since the mid-70s, when we got Ed Jones, Randy White, and Tony Dorsett and built a team around them, Landry said. "So this is our ace in the hole. Herschel could help us bridge the gap.

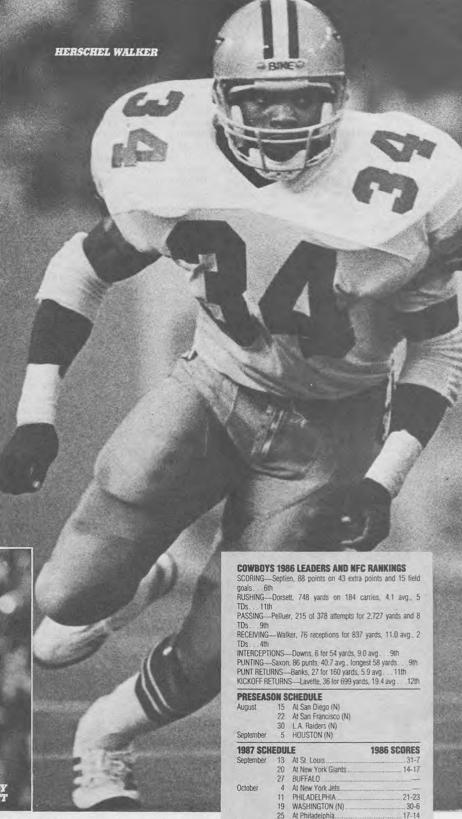
The return of quarterback Danny White from



fractured his right wrist when tackled by Giants' linebacker Carl Banks in week nine. Although backup Steve Pelluer performed well, White's absence was more than coincidental with the Cowboys' collapse. "If Danny comes back, we'll be in good shape because this system is a natural for him, just like San Francisco's is for Joe Montana. That's why we

were so successful early last year." he said.

Landry wonders whether Pelluer can overcome the mental anguish of the losing streak. "The quarterback is always the focal point of a losing streak, but it was not his fault by any means," he said. Landry calls Pelluer a better runner than Roger Staubach. "The guy is uncanny in his ability to escape the pass rush.



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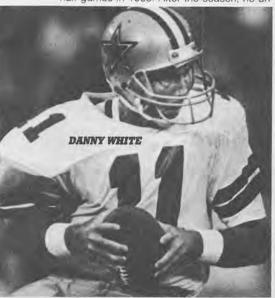
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Even Roger, who was known as a great scrambler, could never get out as quick and run as well as Pelluer," he said. Still, Pelluer threw more than twice as many interceptions (17) as touchdown passes (8) and that isn't good enough to keep a job.

With Walker, Tony Dorsett, and wide receiver Mike Sherrard all healthy and on the field at the same time, whoever quarterbacks will have "as much big-play capability, probably more, than any other team in the league," Landry said.

Walker surprised some people by setting a club record of 76 pass receptions for 837 yards in addition to his 737 yards rushing. After inserting him at various positions, Landry finally put him at fullback, where he will stay alongside Dorsett. Now 33, Dorsett had missed only three games in his first nine seasons with Dallas. A bruised knee and sprained ankle forced him to miss three and a half games in 1986. After the season, he un-



derwent arthroscopic surgery on both knees, but Landry has no question Dorsett will rebound. Darryl Clack, Timmy Newsome, and Robert Lavette provide veteran depth.

As a rookie, Sherrard was an instant star, catching 41 passes for 744 yards and five TDs. "Our passing attack, especially the deep passing, will be built around him," Landry said. Mike Renfro would like to beat out Tony Hill for the other spot. Gordon Banks and Carl Powe are backups who will be challenged by fourth- and fifth-round draft choices Kelvin Martin and Everett Gay. Doug Cosbie and Thornton Chandler give the Cowboys two excellent tight ends. Landry promises to use Cosbie more as a receiver this year after his production fell off drastically.

The offensive line remains the biggest question mark on the team. "Tom Rafferty is pretty solid at center. Once you get past him, everything is up for grabs," Landry said. Grabs may have been a slip of the tongue. Landry would prefer that his linemen, particularly right tackle Phil Pozderac, not grab so much. Holding penalties were a problem. A tentative depth chart has Mark Tuinei and Pozderac at tackle and Glen Titensor and Crawford Ker at guard. Brian Baldinger is a versatile backup. But if the Cowboys can't get better in the line, they at least can get bigger.

With hopes for 6-3, 317-pound Nate "The Kitchen" Newton at guard, the Cowboys drafted 6-4, 322-pound Jeff "The Dining Room?" Zimmerman, a guard who had trouble adjusting to tackle at Florida. If he can play guard in Dallas, Ker might move to tackle.

With their fans crying for help on the offensive line, the Cowboys went for defensive help first in the draft, taking Nebraska tackle Danny Noonan to boost their aging front four. Randy White remains remarkable in his 13th season, but he played with a pulled hamstring and a shoulder that required surgery after last year. Fellow tackle John Dutton had his best season, but he's 35. End Too Tall Jones is 36, too old to rush the passer as he once did. Thirdyear man Kevin Brooks "has to be a starter," Landry said. End Jim Jeffcoat played well on the other side. Don Smerek is a good pass rusher and Mark Walen is coming off injured reserve. "We've aged in the defensive line. This is where we must improve." Landry said.

Improvement up front will help the linebackers and secondary, where Landry points out deficiencies. "We need to develop playmakers at linebacker, guys like the Giants and Bears have who beat the block, shoot in the backfield, and make the big plays," he said. Starters Jeff Rohrer, Eugene Lockhart, and Mike Hegman are fair, which isn't good enough. Steve DeOssie has a chance to beat out Lockhart and Landry is looking for more from Jesse Penn and Garth Jax.

In the secondary, Landry insists on more





aggressiveness. "We don't care about the finesse guys," he said. Strong safety Bill Bates is plenty aggressive but not fast enough to cover. Everson Walls and Ron Fellows are the starting corners. Walls is all-pro and Fellows, a pure cover man, will be challenged by second-round draft choice Ron Francis of Baylor. Free safety Michael Downs led the secondary

in tackles and Landry has hope for backups Victor Scott and Vince Albritton.

The Cowboys drafted Texas place-kicker Jeff Ward to replace Rafael Septien. Rookies usually have problems adjusting without using a tee. Mike Saxon set a club record with 86 punts that he hopes will stand for a long time. Clack and Lavette are the top kickoff-return men and Banks will compete with rookie Martin for the punt-return job.

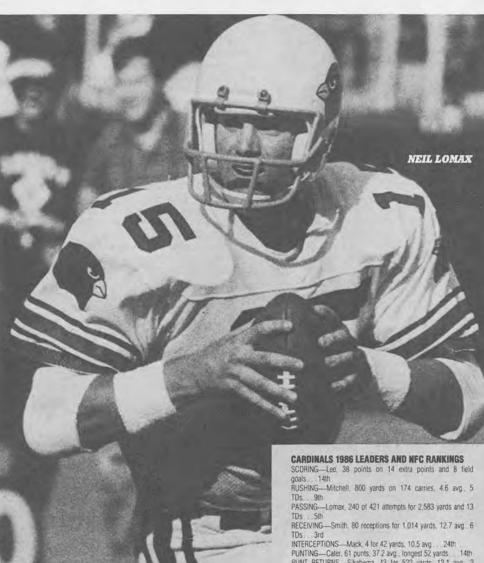
"Our goal this year is to get back into the race. We can't even think about the playoffs or the Eastern Division championship, because we were completely out of the running," Landry said. "The Giants are out ahead of everybody because they have such good defense. And they might not be the type of team that lets all the attention of winning the Super Bowl go to its head. Washington always will be tough; the Eagles are going to beat a lot of teams next year. If you want to be in contention, you're going to have to beat them."

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23	Holloway, Johnny	CB	5-11	182	24		Kansas
53	Jax. Garth				24		Florida St.
77	Jeffcoal, Jim				26		Arizona State
72	Jones, Ed	DE	6-9	273	36		Tennessee St.
68	Ker, Crawford	G	6-3	285	25		Florida
29	Lavette, Robert	RB	5-11	190	24		Georgia Tech
56	Lockhart, Eugene	LB	6-2	235	26		Houston
14	McDonald, Paul	OB	6-2	185	29		Southern Cal
30	Newsome Timmy	FB:	6-1	237	29		Winston Salem
61	Newsome Timmy Newton, Nate	G	6.3	317	26		Florida A&M
16	Pelluer, Steve	OR	6.4	20R		-	Washington
59	Penn, Jesse	IB	6-3		25		Virginia Tech
65	Petersen, Kurt	G	6.4	272	30		Missouri
81	Powe Karl	WR	6.2	178	25		Alabama St.
75	Powe, Karl	T	6.0	283	28		Notre Dame
64					33		Penn State
82	Rentro, Mike	WR	6.0	187	32		TCU
70	Richards, Howard	T	6-6	260			Missouri
50	Rohrer, Jeff	IR	6.2	227	29		Yale:
4	Saxon, Mike	P	6.3	188	25		San Diego St.
22	Scott Victor	DR.	6.0	203	- 25		Colorado
86	Scott, Victor Sherrard, Mike	WR	6.2	197	24		UCLA
60	Smerek Don	DI	6.7	262	30		Nevada-Reno
63	Titensor, Glen	C	6.4	270			Nevaua-Heno BYU
71	Tuinei, Mark	T	6.5	200	27		Hawaii
34	Walker, Herschel	BB	6.1	200	25		Georgia
24	Walls, Everson				28		Grambling
11	White, Danny						Arizona Stale
54	White, Randy	DT	0.9	131	34		Maryland

DRAFTEES

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1	Noonan, Danny	DL	6-4	280	Nebraska
2	Francis, Ron	CB	5-9	206	Baylor
3	Zimmerman, Jeff.	G	6-4	322	Florida
4	Martin, Kelvin	. WB	5.9	161	Boston Coll
5	Gay, Everett	WR	6-2	204	Texas
6	Onosai, Joe	OL	6-3	283	Hawaii
7	Sweeney, Kevin	QB	6-0	191	Fresno State
8	Grogan, Kevin	OT	6-7	295	Washington
9	Blount, Alvin	RB	5.9	197	Maryland
10	Jones, Dale	LB	6-1	234	Tennessee
11	Ward, Jeff	PK	5-9	169	Texas
12	Armstrong, Scott	. 18	6-1	230	Florida



ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Even coach Gene Stallings has trouble figuring out what the St. Louis Cardinals are thinking. They drafted quarterback Kelly Stouffer of Colorado State in the first round when Stallings would have preferred a pass rusher. Maybe the Cardinal scouting department thought he told them passer.

The Cardinals could use a passer, too, as well as a few pass receivers and pass defenders. Overall, things were bad for the Cardinals in 1986 and look worse for 1987. Owner Bill Bidwill has been complaining about Busch Stadium being too small, but he hasn't sold enough season tickets to fill half of it.

The Cardinals finished fourth in overall defense last season, first against the pass. Both are somewhat misleading statistics since they were 25th against the run. Still, it was an outstanding accomplishment for Stallings in his initial season. Yet he is revamping the defense, going back to a 4-3 after switching to a 3-4. Stallings reasoned he just didn't have the linebackers even though there are three firstrounders on his roster: E. J. Junior, Freddie Joe Nunn, and Anthony Bell.

PUNT RETURNS-Sikahema, 43 for 522 yards, 12.1 avg., 2

KICKOFF RETURNS-Sikahema, 37 for 847 yards, 22.9

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

15 At Cleveland (N) 22 SEATTLE (N) At Chicago (N) 31 6 Kansas City (at Memphis, TN)

1987 SCH	EDU	LE	1986 SCORES
September	13	DALLAS	7-31
	20	At San Diego	
	27	INDIANAPOLIS	Zakatorna (The Yaman to market to T
October	4	Al Washington	
	11	NEW ORLEANS	7-16
	18	Al San Francisco	17-43
	25	At New York Giants	7-27
November	1	PHILADELPHIA	
	8	TAMPA BAY	21-17
	15	LOS ANGELES RAMS	10-16
	22	At Philadelphia	(OT) 10-10
	29	At Atlanta	13-33
December	6	WASHINGTON	17-20
	13	NEW YORK GIANTS	6-13
	20	Al Tampa Bay	30-19
	27	At Dallas	6-37

There are signs that Bidwill has already grown impatient with Stallings, who would like more say in things like the draft. "He has an ego," Bidwill said last season. "Everyone makes mistakes, including Gene Stallings. I know that comes as a great shock to him.

"I think I'm building a football team the best way I know how to do it," Stallings said. "I think we're showing some progress.

If they are, it's unfortunate the Cardinals must play in the NFC East, where progress is measured against some of the best teams in football twice a year. The Cardinals could get a lot better in 1987 and still finish in fifth place.

If the drafting of Stouffer surprised Stallings, it also shook up both Stouffer and incumbent Neil Lomax. At least the Cardinals hope it shook up Lomax. Unless they dump him before the season starts, the Cardinals wanted to motivate Lomax by drafting Stouffer. Lomax is a puzzling case, as most issues surrounding the Cardinals are. He has not been nearly the guarterback he was in 1983 and 1984. There are varying theories, not the least of which cites the Cardinals' lack of healthy receivers. When Roy Green returned at the end of last season, for example, Lomax completed 63 percent of his passes and threw six touchdowns as the Cardinals finished with a 2-2-1 record. But there are other raps against Lomax. He was sacked 52 times last year and seems unable to get out of trouble anymore. He has failed to show much offseason enthusiasm and other teams interested in trading for him have been turned off by his attitude. Stouffer has a big arm, but is not widely regarded as the kind of prospect who can step in immediately and turn around an ailing franchise. The only other viable candidate on the roster is Cliff Stoudt, who beat out Lomax last year but lasted only two games.

In defense of whoever lines up at quarterback, the Cardinals need more help at wide receiver than they got in the draft, which was



nothing. This oversight seemed especially strange for a team that went into one game last year fielding only one receiver who had caught a pass in the NFL. Green, once a superstar, has missed nine games in the last two years and is now 30. The Cardinals' saving grace at the position last year was 31-year-old Chiefs' castoff J.T. Smith. He caught 80 balls for 1,014 yards and six touchdowns, his best year ever. Behind Smith and Green, things get thin in a hurry. Eric Swanson is a prospect in his second year and Troy Johnson is an intriguing addition who ran a 4.28 in the 40 last spring, but he has virtually no experience, even in college.

At tight end, things aren't much better. The Cards spent two draft choices—a third for San Diego State's Robert Awalt and a seventh for Bishop's William Harris—to come up with competition for starter Doug Marsh and backup Jay Novacek. Awalt looks like he has the job if he lives up to his potential.

At running back, the Cardinals are in better shape for starters, but in the same predicament for backups. Stump Mitchell got beat up in his first year as the feature back, but played with bad knees and injured ribs nevertheless. He gained 800 yards rushing and 517 more receiving. Fullback Earl Ferrell continued his career as an unsung hero, gaining 548 yards and finishing second to Smith in pass receptions. When Mitchell needs a breather, Ferrell sometimes goes to tailback, with Craig Wol-

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fley going to fullback. Rookie George Swarn of Miami (OH), a fifth-rounder, has a chance to get plenty of playing time.

Unsettled is a good description of the offensive line. Left tackle Luis Sharpe was the only member to start all 16 games last year. Huge Tootie Robbins figures to stay at right tackle, but it looks like second-year man Ray Brown will play somewhere. If Doug Dawson recovers from an Achilles injury and moves from left guard to center, Brown could play left guard. Second-year center Gene Chilton needs seasoning, so former USFL player Mike Ruether could play center. Joe Bostic is a fixture at right guard if he recovers from knee surgery. Derek Kennard is also in the hunt.

On defense, Stallings went back to the drawing board even without draft help up front, where he needs it. The forced retirement of end Curtis Greer with knee problems means nose tackle David Galloway will try his considerable talents at left end opposite veteran rusher Al Baker in the new four-man front. Former linebacker Nunn also will be used as a pass-rushing end and fourth-round draft choice Rod Saddler of Texas A&M figures to be a factor. The tackle spots are open, with

veterans Mark Duda and Bob Clasby expecting competition from third-rounder Colin Scotts of Hawaii and sixth-rounder Mark Garalczyk of Western Michigan.

At linebacker, Stallings has installed Bell on the left side and moved middle linebacker Junior to the weak side. Tough Niko Noga is slated for the middle. Veteran outside backer Charles Baker and fifth-rounder Ilia Jarostchuk of New Hampshire are in reserve.

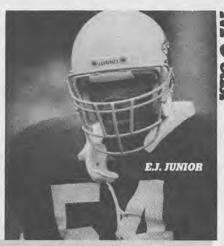
The Cardinals are thin in the secondary, too. Second-year man Carl Carter is still learning how to play cornerback. On the other side, Cedric Mack is coming off shoulder surgery. Wayne Smith is the only reserve now that the Cardinals traded veteran Lionel Washington. Strong safety Leonard Smith is a Pro Bowlcaliber player who can force the run and cover the pass. Free safety Lonnie Young played





well, but apparently not well enough to keep the Cardinals from using their second-round draft choice to add USC's Tim McDonald.

The Cardinals have made only 24 of 52 field-goal attempts the last two years, which is only one reason they averaged a mere 13 points a game last season. John Lee, a second-round draft choice last spring, is coming off arthroscopic surgery on his kicking knee. He made only one of five kicks from beyond 40 yards, but his college career indicates he is better than he showed. The Cardinals spent a fifth-round choice on a punter, Penn State's John Bruno, who will earn his keep quickly if the Cardinals don't correct their offensive problems.



CARDINALS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL	coilege
16	Austin, Kent	. QB	6-1	195	24	2	Mississippi
60	Baker, Al			270	31	10	Colorado St.
52	Baker, Charlie .			234	30	8	New Mexico
55	Bell, Anthony					2	Michigan St.
72	Bergold, Scott					3	Wisconsin
71	Bostic, Joe					9	
62	Brown, Ray					2	Arkansas St.
89	Boso, Cap.					2	Illinois
41	Carter Carl	CR	5-11	180	23	2	Texas Tech
14	Carter, Carl Cater, Greg Chilton, Gene	P	6.0	101	30	6	TennChalt.
58	Chilton Gono	0	6.3	271	22	2	Texas
79	Clasby, Bob	DE	6.5	200	27	2	Notre Dame
66	Dawson, Doug				26	4	Texas
	DiBernardo, Rick				23		Notre Dame
35	Drain. Eric	CD	0-0	210		1	
73							Missouri
							Maryland
31		ACT	0-0	224	23	6	E. Tenn. St
65	Galloway, David	-NI	0-3	2/9		6	Florida
81	Green, Roy	WK	D-U	195		9	Henderson St
75						8	Michigan
82	Holmes, Don	WB	5-10	180		2	Mesa
78	Hughes, Van					2	S.W. Texas St.
87	Johnson, Troy			175		2	Southern
54	Junior, E.J.	ILB	6-3	235		7	Alabama
70	Kennard, Derek	. G	6-3	285		2	Nevada-Reno
10	Lee, John	K	5-11	182	23	2	UCLA
15	Lomax, Neil	QB	6-3	215	28	7	Portland St.
47	Mack, Cedric	CB	6-0	194		5	Baylor
80	Marsh, Doug	TE	6-3	238	29	8	Michigan
76	Lomax, Neil Mack, Cedric Marsh, Doug Mays, Stafford	DE	6-2	255	29	8	Washington
30	Mitchell, Stump.	HB	5-9	188	28	7	Citadel
59	Monaco, Ron	LB	6-1	225	24	2	So. Carolina
57	Noga, Niko			235	25	4	Hawaii
85	Novacek, Jay	TE	6-4	217	25	3	Wyoming
53	Nunn, Freddie Joe					3	Mississippi
63	Robbins, Toolie						East Carolina
51	Reuther, Mike					2	Texas
39	Sargent, Broderick					2	Baylor
11	Schubert, Eric			193		3	Pittsburgh
67	Sharpe, Luis	Т	6-2	260		6	UCLA
36	Sikahema, Vai	HR	5.0	191		2	BYU
84	Smith, J.T.	WR	6.2	185		10	North Texas St.
61	Smith, Lance	T	6.2	262			LSU
45	Smith, Leonard	cc	5 11	202		5	707
14	Smith Wayne	00	0-11		30		McNeese St.
	Smith, Wayne	OB	0-0		32		Purdue Co
18	Stoudt, Cliff Swanson, Eric	C/B	0-4				Youngstown St
86	Swanson, Eric	WH	5-11	100		2	Tennessee
83	Tilley, Pat	WH	5-10				Louisiana Tech
24	Wolfley, Ron			222			West Virginia
43	Young, Lonnie	.10	0-1	182	24	3	Michigan St.

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	W	college
1	Stouffer, Kelly	QB	6-3	214	Colorado State
2	McDonald, Tim	SS	6-3	205	Southern Cal
3	Awalt, Robert	TE	6-5	240	San Diego State
3	Scotts, Colin	DT	6-6	265	Hawaii
4	Saddler, Rod	DL	6-5	265	Texas A&M
5	Swarm, George	RB	5-10	205	Miami (OH)
5	Bruno, John	P	6-1	200	Penn State
5	Jarostchuk, Ilia	LB	6-1	200	New Hampshire
6	Garalczyk, Mark	DT	6-5	272	West. Michigan
7	Peoples, Tim	DB	6-0	200	Washington
7	Harris, William	TE	6-4	243	Bishop
8	Alvord. Steve	DT	6-4	272	Washington
9	Davis. Wayne	LB	6-1	213	Alabama
10	Wright, Charles	DB	5-9	178	Tulsa
11	Peal, Todd	OG	6-2	294	Northern Illinois



CHICAGO BEARS

After winning more games in the last three years than any other team in any three-year span, the Chicago Bears need to remind people they are still around. They followed a 15-1 record in 1985 with a 14-2 mark in 1986, so the tendency might be to imagine the Bears going downhill. Historians lump them with every other club that has failed to repeat a Super Bowl victory

The Bears, as usual, look at things from a slightly different perspective. Feisty coach Mike Ditka can't wait until the season opener against the world champion Giants. Ditka wanted to play the Giants in last year's NFC championship game with Doug Flutie at quarterback. Even after the Redskins eliminated Flutie and the Bears a week earlier than the title game, Ditka refused to join the chorus of praise for the Giants as the new dynasty. "We don't measure ourselves against the Giants or anybody else," Ditka said.

To others, Ditka will make more sense if quarterback Jim McMahon manages to come back strong from major shoulder surgery. Although a return from rotator cuff damage is no easy accomplishment, the concern in Chicago is not so much whether McMahon can come back; it's whether he can stay back. Because of McMahon's shaky health record, the Bears made Michigan's Jim Harbaugh their No. 1 pick in the draft, a move that made even Ditka second guess. Ditka thinks Flutie is "a special little guy," which puts the coach in a minority among NFL personnel experts who can't imagine Flutie is big enough to compete on a high level.

SCORING-Butler, 120 points on 36 extra points and 28 field

RUSHING-Paylon, 1,333 yards on 321 carries, 4.2 avg., 8

RECEIVING -Gault, 42 receptions for 818 yards, 19.5 avg., 5

PUNTING—Buford, 69 punts, 41.3 avg., longest 59 yards. 8th PUNT RETURNS—Barnes, 57 for 482 yards, 8.5 avg., 7th KICKOFF RETURNS—Gentry, 20 for 576 yards, 28.8 avg., 1

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

September

16 At Miami (N August PITTSBURGH (N) ST. LOUIS (N)

5 At L.A. Raiders

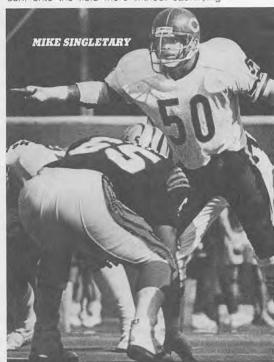
1987 SCH	EDU	LE	1986 SCORES
September	14	NEW YORK GIANTS (N)	
	20	TAMPA BAY	
	27	At Detroit	
October	4	At Philadelphia	(OT)13-10
	11	MINNESOTA	23-0
	18	NEW ORLEANS	arrano considerante
	25	At Tampa Bay	23-3
November	1	KANSAS CITY	
	8	At Green Bay	25-12
	16	At Denver (N)	
	22	DETROIT	13-7
	29	GREEN BAY	12-10
December	6	At Minnesota (N)	7-23
	14	At San Francisco (N)	
	20	SEATTLE	
	27	At Los Angeles Raiders	

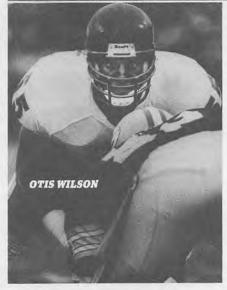
Even if McMahon does return, there is speculation the Bears want to get rid of him because he talks too much and refuses to say nice things about club president Michael McCaskey or Ditka. The Bears deny interest in dumping their celebrity. To a man, they proclaim him their No. 1 quarterback provided he is healthy. But they always cite statistics that would frighten any long-range planner: Mc-Mahon has played in only 28 of the last 48 games during the past three regular seasons. He has led the Bears to victory in his last 23 starts including playoffs, but the Bears have played 47 games during that span. Part-time players are of little value in the NFL

Even without McMahon, the Bears are formidable because they run and play defense as well as anybody in recent years. They have led the league in rushing for four years in a row and in defense for three straight years. They show no sign of decline in either area.

After drafting Harbaugh, the Bears turned to another area of concern-wide receiver. They took SMU's Ron Morris in the second round to provide insurance behind Dennis McKinnon, who is coming off knee surgery. After leading the Bears in touchdown catches and blocking by a wideout during their Super Bowl year, McKinnon missed all of 1986. Keith Ortego and Dennis Gentry also are factors at, McKinnon's flanker'spot opposite speedy split end Willie Gault, who makes defenses back up and opens the running game. Ditka is looking for more help at tight end, where 32-yearold Emery Moorehead starts and Tim Wrightman plays. Second-year prospect Riley Walton is a possibility.

At running back, Ditka is looking for a way to get last year's No. 1 draft choice, Neal Anderson, onto the field more without sacrificing





playing time for all-time great Walter Payton. At age 32, Payton is determined to stay at the top of his game for at least one more year, saying whoever plays ahead of him "will have to be the most valuable player in the league." Anderson showed enough flashes of promise last season to deserve a bigger shot. So did Thomas Sanders, who outshone both Payton and Eric Dickerson in one Monday night game against the Rams. At fullback, the Bears have reliable Matt Suhey and big Calvin Thomas, who complement the halfbacks nicely. But Ditka is contemplating formations with both Anderson and Payton in the same backfield.

The offensive line remains young and intact with tackles Jimbo Covert and Keith Van Horne, guards Mark Bortz and Tom Thayer, and center Jay Hilgenberg. Covert and Hilgenberg are two-time Pro Bowl starters and Bortz and Thayer aren't far behind. Ditka would like ex-guard Kurt Becker or second-year giant Paul Blair to push Van Horne. As a unit, the line is big, strong, durable, and doesn't get the credit it deserves for helping the Bears become the first team to lead the league in rushing for four straight years since the 1939–42 Bears.

On defense, the Bears have great personnel, especially in their front seven. In an age when the distinction between 4-3 and 3-4 fronts is dissolving because of so many variations, football people are starting to refer to "front sevens." Like the Giants, the Bears have a versatile and powerful front seven that is the envy of the league. Six of the seven have been to at least one of the last two Pro Bowls. The only one who has stayed home is William "The Refrigerator" Perry, the most famous football player in the world.

Left end Dan Hampton and right end Richard Dent are two of the best run stoppers and pass rushers in the business. Hampton can move inside in passing situations and Dent

can play linebacker if necessary. Perry and Steve McMichael are formidable inside, and if Perry can keep his weight closer to 310 than to 330. Ditka wants to see him play some at end, as well as use him again as his goal-line fullback. The Bears hope Al Harris can return to his 1984 pre-free agent form and contribute as an end more than as a linebacker. At 267 pounds, he has the ability to play both. The Bears drafted three ends and a tackle to provide deoth.

At linebacker, weak-side starter Wilber Marshall is in Lawrence Taylor's class as a force, except Marshall plays better pass defense. Middle linebacker Mike Singletary is an all-pro who calls the signals and serves as the Bears' coach on the field. Left linebacker Otis Wilson is an emotional player who forms the third link in what the trio calls "The Bermuda Triangle." Ron Rivera is a talented backup.

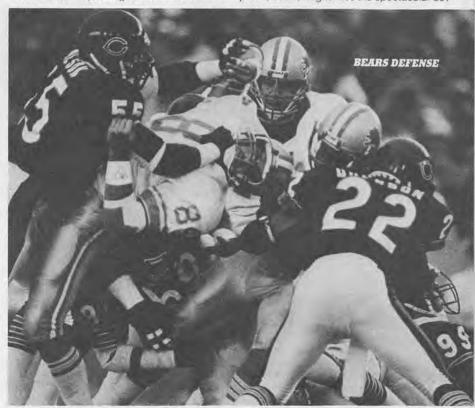
When defensive coordinator Vince Tobin replaced Buddy Ryan after the Super Bowl, the Bears' cornerbacks suddenly improved because Tobin's system protected them more. Left cornerback Mike Richardson played as well as any corner in the NFC and right cornerback Vestee Jackson broke into the lineup as a rookie. Third-year man Reggie Phillips will push to regain a starting job. At safety, the Bears are unmatched. Strong safety Dave Duerson had a spectacular year with six interceptions and eight sacks, an unparalled combination for a defensive back. Free safety Gary Fencik is expecting another good season at age 32. Backups Todd Bell and Shaun Gayle could start almost anywhere. Bell was a 1984 Pro Bowler

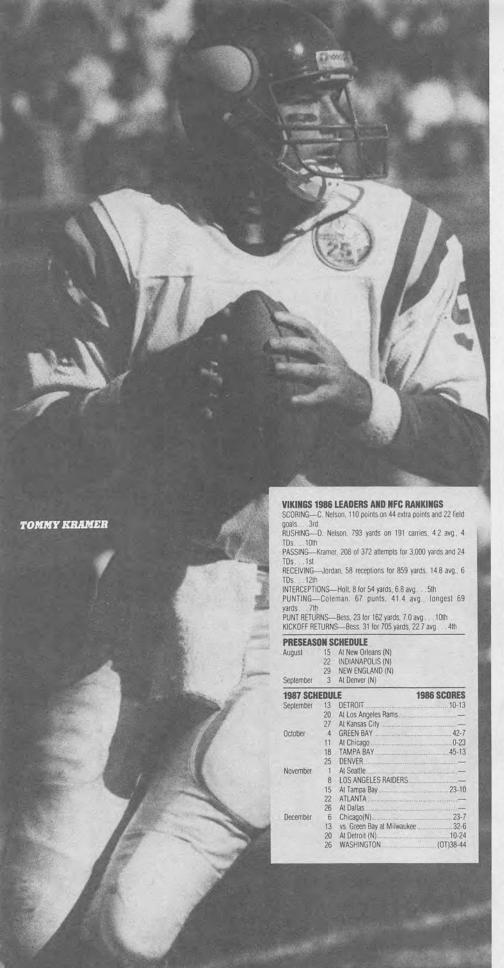
Place-kicker Kevin Butler suffered a couple of slumps, but won enough games last year for Ditka to say he wouldn't want anyone else in the league kicking for him in pressure situations. Punter Maury Buford continues to improve, but he might miss the spectacular cov-

ering skills of Neal Anderson, who probably won't be used on so many special teams. The explosive and underrated Gentry led the league in kickoff returns and Lew Barnes showed punt-return potential as a rookie. Kickoff coverage is a problem, but as long as the Bears kick off often, Ditka doesn't mind.

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35		RB	5-11				Florida
81	Barnes, Lew Becker, Kurt Bell, Todd Blair, Paul Bortz, Mark Brown, Kevan Buford, Maury Butter, Kevin Carter, Ronnie Covert, Jim Dent, Richard Degtglass, Mauric Duarte, George	WR	5-8	163	25		Oregon
79	Becker, Kurt	G	6-5	267	29		Michigan
25	Bell, Todd	. S	6-1	205	29	6	Ohio State
68	Blair, Paul	I	6-4	295	24	2	Oklahoma St.
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8	Buford, Maury	. Р	6-1	191	27	3	Texas Tech
6	Butler, Kevin	K	6-1	195	25	3	Georgia
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95	Dent Richard	DE	6-5	263	27	5	Tenn State
37	Douglass, Mauric	e DB	5-11	200	23	7	Kentucky
30	Duarte, George Duerson, Dave Fencik, Gary	DB	5-9	178	23	R	No. Arizona
22	Duerson, Dave	S	6-1	203	27	5	Notre Dame
45	Fencile Gary	S	6.1	196	33	12	Yale
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20	Fencik, Gary Flutie, Doug Frazier, Lestie Fuller, Steve Gault, Willie Gayte, Shaun Gentry, Dennis Hampton, Dan Harris, Al Harlenstine, Mike	UID	D-11	193	20		Ohio St
29	Geniry, Dennis	WH	3.8	181	28		Baylor
99	Hampton, Dan	DE	0-5	20/	30	9	Arkansas
90	Harris, Al	TR/DE	6.5	797	31		Arizona Slate
	Harlenstine, Mike Hendrix, Tim Hilgenberg, Jay Hintz, Mike	DE	6-3	254	34	13	Penn State
96	Hendrix, Tim	TE	6-5	235	22	R	Tennessee
63	Hilgenberg, Jay	C	6-3	265	27	7	lowa
44	Hintz, Mike	DB	6-1	190	22	R	WI-Platteville
75	Humphries, Steta	n . 6	6-3	268	25	4	Michigan
24	Jackson, Vestee	. CB	6-0	186	24	2	Washington
49	January, Mike	_ LB	6-1	234	23	R	Texas
36	Kalentzis, Kyle	DB	5-11	192	23	R	Hawaii
88	Kozlowski, Glen	WR	6-1	193	25	1	BYU
92	Krenk Mitch			233	28	2	Nebraska
58	Krenk, Milch Marshall, Wilber	LB	6-1	225		4	Florida
85	McKinnon, Denni	is WR	6-1	.185	26	4	Florida State
9	McMahon Jim	QB	6-1	190	28		BYU
76	McMichael Steve	DT	6-2	265	30	8	Texas
98	McMahon, Jim McMichael, Steve Mitchell, Bennie	WR	5-10	159	22		N.E. Louisiana
87	Moorehead, Emer	v TF	6.2	220	33	11	Colorado
51				220	20	3	Michigan State
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	Norvell, Jay Orlego, Keith Payton, Walter Perry, William	- NO	3-10	202	33	13	Jackson St.
72	Perry, William	. DI	0-6	170	25		Clemson
48	Phillips, Reggie	- DR	5-10	170	27		S. Methodist
86	Pickering Clay	WH	0-5	215	26		Maine
91	Popp, Jim	- IE	6.5	245	24	1	Vanderbill
53	Phillips, Reggie Pickering, Clay Popp, Jim Rains, Dan	LB	6-1	222	31	4	Cincinnati
27	Richardson, Mike Rivera, Ron	CB	6-0	188	26	5	Arizona St.
59	Rivera Ron	LB	6-3	239		4	California
47	Romasko, Dave	FB/TE	6-3	231			Carroll Col
52	Rubens, Larry Sanders, Thomas	C	6-2	262			Montana State
20	Sanders, Thomas	RB	5-11				Texas A&M
46			5-11	194	23	R	Nebraska
50	Singletary, Mike	LB	6-0	228	29	7	Baylor
65	Sowell, Brent	T/G	6-5	288	24	1	Alabama
26	Suhey Matt	FB	5-11	216	29	8	Penn State
93	Taggart Ed	TF	6-3	222	. 23	R	Ohio State
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2	Morris, Ron	WR	6-1	192	SMU
4	Smith, Sean	DL	6-4	275	Grambling
5	Bryan, Sleve	DE	6-3	260	Oklahoma
5	Johnson, Will	DE	6-5	240	NE Louisiana
6	Adickes, John	0	6-3	266	Baylor
7	Harris, Archie	OT	6-6	270	Wm. & Mary
8	Migliazzo, Paul	LB	6-1	228	Oklahoma
9	Heimuli, Lakei	RB	5-11	219	BYU
10	Chapura, Dick	DT	6-3	275	Missouri
11	Jessie Tim	WR	5-11	190	Aubum
12	Jeffries, Erick	DB	5-10	161	Texas





MINNESOTA VIKINGS

The Minnesota Vikings need only to finish what they start in order to challenge the Chicago Bears in the Central Division. Last year, they started out 5-2 only to finish 9-7. They blew fourth-quarter leads in losses to Cleveland, the Giants, and Washington. One more victory would have put them into the playoffs. A loss to the Houston Oilers in week 15 kept them from a wild-card berth. This year, coach Jerry Burns will be looking for that extra something that was missing. In his initial year at the helm, Burns was far from satisfied.

"I said earlier in the year we were in the middle of the pack and I hoped we could rise to the top of the middle. We did, but we didn't stay there. We're back in the middle of the pack," Burns said.

To reverse their puzzling late collapses, the Vikings think they need only a few more players in the right places. They hope they got one in versatile running back D. J. Dozier.

"The nucleus of this team is right here," Burns said. "This team has got to get better and improve from a technique standpoint and intelligence standpoint."

"Next time will be a different story," said safety Joey Browner. "We have to learn to get on them early and stay on them and put them



away. In some games, we didn't get a first down when we needed one or the defense didn't hold. We have a few details to clear up and we'll be as good as the other teams."

At quarterback, the Vikings already are as good as the other teams. Tommy Kramer is coming off his best season in his 10th year. He led the league in passing, which may or may not be a good sign for the future. Kramer has a history of blowing hot and cold. In 1985, for example, he led the league in interceptions with 26. After a hot year in 1986, is it time to get cold again in 1987? His supporters maintain that the improvement around him will iron out his inconsistencies. A flery competitor, Kramer always tried to do more than one quarterback should. To avoid sacks, for example,

he threw into coverage. Better blocking and better running will allow Kramer the luxury of sticking to his role and reducing mistakes. Traditionally, Kramer is a thorn in the side of the Bears through both thick and thin years. Starting the season, he is the only guarterback in the division who is both proven and healthy. Such stability gives the Vikings an edge before anyone steps onto the field.

Backing up Kramer is Wade Wilson, a reliable veteran who has performed well. But Kramer's value was demonstrated when he was injured in a last-minute loss to the Giants. Kramer missed the next week against the Bengals and the Vikings lost in a pivotal game during the playoff drive.

At receiver, the Vikings are well-stocked. Kramer's outstanding season was rewarded with a Pro Bowl trip and tight end Steve Jordan, his favorite receiver, was voted to the team as well. Only the Giants' Mark Bavaro had a better year. Jordan has caught more passes for more yards than any other Viking tight end. Kramer also has excellent outside threats in Anthony Carter and Leo Lewis. Both averaged over 18 yards a catch and Jordan averaged close to 15, giving the Vikings one of the longest passing games in the league. Carter scored a team-high seven touchdowns and is a game-breaker. Another intriguing possibility at wide receiver is the immenselytalented Buster Rhymes. The 6-2, 218-pound Rhymes has demonstrated his ability on kick returns. Once he understands the intricacies of the passing game that he never learned at

run-oriented Oklahoma, he could be a formidable threat. Second-year man Hassan Jones also showed ability by scoring four touchdowns when Carter was hurt briefly last year.

Kramer uses his running backs as targets as well as any passer, and Darrin Nelson catches as well as any running back. He averaged 11.2 per reception, the best among NFC backs. By contrast, San Francisco's Roger Craig averaged only 7.7 yards a catch. Nelson is the Vikings' best runner and he will be helped this year by Dozier, who should fit into the varied attack of the Vikings right away. He is an all-purpose back like Alfred Anderson. Allen Rice, and Ted Brown.

More than anything else, Kramer's year was attributed to improved protection by an offensive line that was helped considerably by the addition of left tackle Gary Zimmerman from the USFL. The rest of the line is experienced and more than adequate. Guards Jim Hough and Terry Tausch, center Dennis Swilley, and right tackle Tim Irwin are backed up capably by Kirk Lowdermilk, Curtis Rouse, and David Huffman, Lowdermilk could push for a starting spot in '87.

The Vikings got through a draft without making a defensive lineman a No. 1 choice for a change. But after Dozier, they made defensive players their next three picks and all are expected to contribute immediately. Last year's No. 1, Gerald Robinson, did not make much of an impact, but he could push for a starting job this year as left end Doug Martin enters his eighth season. The No. 1 two years ago, Chris Doleman, was moved from linebacker to right end, where his production is expected to improve. Tackle Keith Millard led the club in sacks with 10 1/2 playing beside big Tim "Ice Box" Newton. Competing for playing time will be third-round draft choice Henry Thomas of LSU, an aggressive tackle.

At linebacker, the undersized Chris Martin will be pushed by second-round choice Ray Berry of Baylor, who also could play inside. Last year's 12th-round surprise, Jesse Solomon, will be difficult for veteran Scott Studwell to keep on special teams forever. David Howard is the right-side starter. Jeff Schuh and Walker Lee Ashley are backups.



A potential starter in the secondary was drafted in the fourth round in Georgia Tech's Reggie Rutland, who could step right into the free-safety spot next to Pro Bowl strong safety Browner. An excellent special teams' contributor, Browner also led the club in tackles by a wide margin. Cornerbacks Issiac Holt and Carl Lee are backed up by David Evans, Willie Teal, and Rufus Bess. Holt's eight interceptions last year tied him for second in the league for his position.

Chuck Nelson proved a capable placekicker after the Rams gave up on him, although he missed almost as many extra S points (3) as field goals (6). Greg Coleman is 9 one of the league's more experienced punters and also can run for first downs in a pinch, as the Bears found out in a Viking victory. Rhymes and Bess are kick-return specialists.

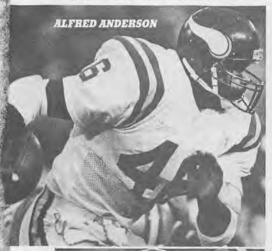
Beating the Bears once last year provided much-needed confidence. But the losses in close games are something the Vikings have to reverse. Defensive end Mark Mullanev, the only veteran to play in a Super Bowl with the Vikings, remembers how they always pulled out the close ones.

"We got a fumble, stopped teams on fourth down, blocked a field goal," Mullaney said. "I think it's an attitude you acquire from winning. We let some get away last year, but you've got to win games to be a champ.

VIKINGS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt .	age	NFL exp	college
46	Anderson, Alfred			220		3	Baylor
58	Ashley, Walker Lee			237		3	Penn State
21	Bess, Rufus	CB	5-9	189		8	S.C. State
62	Boyd, Brent		6-3	280		6	UCLA
23	Brown, Ted						N.C. State
47	Browner, Joey	S	6-2	212		4	
81	Carter, Anthony	WR	5-11			2	Michigan
8	Coleman, Greg			184			Florida A & M
96	Doleman, Chris			250		2	Pittsburgh
26	Evans, David	CB	6-0	178		1	Central Ark.
1	Guggernos, Neal		6-0	187			St. Thomas
30	Gustafson, Jim		6-1	181	26	1	St. Thomas
14	Harris, John		6-2	198	31	9	Arizona State
32	Hilton, Carl	TE	6-3	232	23	R	Houston
30	Holf, Issiac		6-1	200		2	Alcorn State
1	Hough, Jim		6-2	269		9	Utah State
19	Howard, David	LB	6-2	232	26	2	Long Beach St.
12	Huffman, David	T	6-6	284	30	7	Notre Dame
16	Irwin, Tim		6-7	288	29	6	Tennessee.
34	Jones, Hassan		6-0	195	23	R	Florida State
33	Jordan, Steve	TE	6-3	239	26	5	Brown
9	Krarner, Tommy	QB	6-2	205	32	10	Rice
39	Lee, Carl	DB	5-11	187	26	4	Marshall
37	Lewis, Leo	WR	5-8	170	31	6	Missouri
3	Lowdermilk, Kirk	C	6-3	269	24	2	Ohio State
27	Lush, Mike	S	6-2	195	29	1	E. Stroudsburg
1	MacDonald, Mark.		6-4	267	26	2	Boston College
57	Martin, Chris	LB	6-2	239	27	4	Auburn
19	Martin, Doug		6-3	264		7	Washington
5	Millard, Keith		6-6	262	25	2	Washington St.
36	Mularkey, Mike		6-4	234	26	4	Florida
17	Mullaney, Mark		6-6	248	34	12	Colorado State
1	Nelson, Chuck		5-11	172		3	Washington
0	Nelson, Darrin		5-9	189	28	5	Stanford
96	Newton, Tim		6-0	287		2	
11	Phillips, Joe		6-4	278	24	R	SMU
88	Rhymes, Buster		6-1	218		2	Oklahoma
16	Rice, Allen		5-10			3	Baylor
15	Robinson, Gerald		6-3	256	24	R	Aubum
8	Rouse, Curtis		6-3	335		5	Chattanooga
78	Schippang, Gary		6-4	279		R	West Chester
3	Schuh, Jeff		6-3	234		6	Minnesota
14	Solomon, Jesse		6-0	235		R	Florida State
14	Stensrud, Mike		6-5	280		8	Iowa State
15	Studwell, Scott		6-2	230		10	Illinois
57	Swilley, Dennis		6-3	266		9	Texas A & M
6	Tausch, Terry		6-5			5	Texas:
37	Teal, Willie					7	LSU
35	White, Sammy						Grambling
11	Wilson, Wade	OB	6-3	213			East Texas State

DRAFTEES							
rd	name pos	ht	wt	college			
1	Dozier, D.J RB	6-1	210	Penn State			
2	Berry, Ray LB	6-2	227	Baylor			
3	Thomas, Henry DL	6-2	263	LSU			
4	Rutland, Reginald DB	6-2	192	Georgia Tech			
6	Richardson, Greg WR	5-8	166	Alabama			
8	Fenney, Rick RB	6-1	245	Washington			
9	Jones, Leonard DB	6-1	187	Texas Tech			
10	Riley, Bob OT	6-5	276	Indiana			
11	Pease, Brent QB	6-2	201	Montana			
12	Williams Keith DT	6-4	267	Florida			





DETROIT LIONS

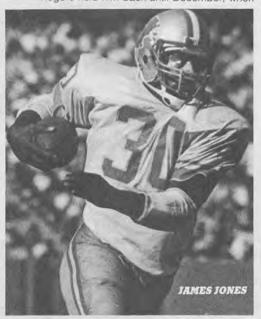
The angry crowds in the Pontiac Silverdome don't sound like Mr. Rogers' Neighorhood. But if coach Darryl Rogers can't sway the fans of the Detroit Lions, maybe No. 1 draft choice Reggie Rogers can. While the Lions were on their way to a 1-7 record inside their oncefriendly dome, wide receiver Jeff Chadwick said: "When they made the movie Ruthless People, they should have filmed it in the Silverdome." If they were ruthless, it was because they were virtually winless. They are tired of waiting. When Rogers arrived in 1985, he took over a 4-11-1 team and went 7-9

"I said the second year would be tougher, and it was," said Rogers after last year's Lions finished 5-11. "I said in the third year, we should start seeing more results." But Rogers is realistic. After the Lions collapsed in a 20-6 loss to the lowly Atlanta Falcons in the Silverdome in the season finale, he said: "If you look at the last game, you say you've got a long, long way to go. You look at the last game and it looks like you're 27,000 miles away.

How long can the fans wait? How long can owner William Clay Ford wait? How long can Chuck Long wait?

The Lions took six defensive players with their first six picks of the draft, indicating their intention to rebuild a defense that finished 26th against the run. If you can't stop the run, you can't play any kind of defense. If you can't play defense, it doesn't matter whether you can play offense.

Rogers kept last year's No. 1 draft choice, Long, on his bench nearly all of last year. While the fans yelled for the quarterback, Rogers held him back until December, when



he made his debut against the world champion Chicago Bears on a Monday night. Long had the Lions ahead, 13-3, in the third guarter, a moment Rogers would later cite as the highlight of his season. "We were ahead, the crowd was a full house, and it came alive. It was the first time I've heard them like that since I've been here. For the first time, I heard what it's like if you win," Rogers said.

Long must now wake up the echoes. It's his ball game, unless Rogers reverts to Eric Hipple, who is coming off elbow surgery. Al-



LIONS 1986 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING-Murray, 85 points on 31 extra points and 18 field

RUSHING-Jones, 903 yards on 252 carries, 3.6 avg., 8 PASSING-Hipple, 192 of 305 attempts for 1,919 yards and

RECEIVING-Jones, 54 receptions for 334 yards, 6.2 avg., 1

TD . . 14th INTERCEPTIONS—Mitchell, 5 for 41 yards, 8.2 avg . . . 17th PUNTING—Black, 46 punts, 39.5 avg., longest 57 yards . . . 12th PUNT RETURNS—Mandley, 43 for 420 yards, 9.8 avg., 1

KICKOFF RETURNS-Hunter, 49 for 1,007 yards, 20.6

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	15	INDIANAPOLIS (N)
	22	CINCINNATI (N)
	28	Al Seattle (N)
September	3	At Philadelphia (N)

1987 SCH	EDU	LE	1986 SCORES
September	13	At Minnesota	13-10
	20	At Los Angeles Raiders.	
	27	CHICAGO	13-16
October	4	TAMPA BAY	20-24
	-11	At Green Bay	21-14
	18	SEATTLE	
	25	GREEN BAY	40-44
November	1	At Denver	
	8	Dallas	7-31
	15	At Washington	
	22	At Chicago	7-13
	26	KANSAS CITY	.,
December	6	LOS ANGELES RAMS	10-14
	13	At Tampa Bay	
	20	MINNESOTA	10-24
	27	At Atlanta	6-20

though Long is a No. 1 draft choice, he has not had the chance to prove anything yet. Hipple already has proved he is a workmanlike quarterback who might benefit from a little defense as much as the next guy. Rogers also has not forgotten veteran Joe Ferguson. "We started getting Long ready in February. We're going to see how fast he can develop and where he's at by the time the season starts,' Rogers said.

The quarterbacks also would benefit from a little help at wide receiver. Starters Chadwick



and Carl Bland aren't the kind who strike fear into defenses and both ended the season injured. Chadwick is coming back from an Achilles problem and Bland had a separated shoulder. Rogers is counting on another season from 35-year-old Leonard Thompson, who may be the most reliable man he has. Thomson didn't start last year, but performed well on special teams. Mark Nichols is coming off another injury that cost him all of 1986. Punt returner Pete Mandley might be called on more as a receiver. The acquisition last season of veteran tight end Jimmie Giles solidified a position that already has former No. 1 draft choice David Lewis, an underachiever, and the tenacious Rob Rubick.

The Lions figure that second-year running back Garry James will continue his improvement and finally give fullback James Jones much-needed help in the backfield. Jones led



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the club in rushing, receiving, and touchdowns and was the most valuable offensive player for the third year in a row. James has the kind of outside speed that can nicely complement the big fullback. Rogers dreams that each back can rush for 1,000 and catch 50 passes. The backups are Herman Hunter, Scott Williams, Alvin Moore, and Oscar Smith.

The offensive line is outstanding on paper. When healthy, it has the potenial to be one of the best in the league even though guards Keith Dorney and Harvey Salem are tackles in disguise. Left tackle Lomas Brown is on the verge of a Pro Bowl berth and right tackle Rich Strenger and center Steve Mott are steady veterans. Salem, who came from Houston during last season, will benefit from a training camp at his new postion. Depth should be no problem if high draft choices Kevin Glover and Joe Milinichik escape injuries that hurt them last year. Scott Barrows is a versatile backup and nose tackle Steve Baack will shift to quard

Reggie Rogers alone is expected to make the Lions' defense better under coordinator Wayne Fontes. But the Lions didn't stop at Rogers. The draft provided enough athletes to restructure the defense from top to bottom. Rogers is penciled in at right end on the threeman front, replacing veteran William Gay. Third-round pick Jerry Ball of SMU will push Eric Williams at nose tackle. At 6 feet, 296 pounds, Ball looks like his name. If Ball doesn't roll, seventh-rounder Dan Saleaumua might fill the gap. Saleaumua is a mere 6 feet, 285. Left end Keith Ferguson was the Lions' MVP on defense and their "one legitimate pass rusher," according to Rogers. With the new talent, Curtis Green and Gay will be fighting for playing time.

At linebacker, the return of injured strongside backer Jimmy Williams will help the Lions stop the rush. He missed six weeks with a knee injury. On the right side, the Lions have Mike Cofer, a hustler who contributed 71/2 sacks and earned Rogers' label of "by far our No. 1 effort football player. If you watch him play, you just can't get over how phenomenal his effort is. He chases, he runs, he jumps over people." Rogers is looking for more competition for the starting inside jobs and more depth outside. Inside, signal-caller James Harrell and Vernon Maxwell are going to be pushed by Shelton Robinson and draft choices Danny Lockett of Arizona and Dennis Gibson of Iowa State. Lockett also could provide outside depth along with Angelo King and George Jamison.

In the secondary, Rogers hopes for the recovery of left cornerback Bobby Watkins from an arch injury so that little Duane Galloway can move to nickel back. The right corner is Bruce McNorton and the backups will come from among John Bostic, Arnold Brown, Donnie Elder, and Rod Hill. Devon Mitchell was outstanding as a fourth-round rookie at free safety, so the Lions will not hesitate to let fourth-round draft choice Garland Rivers of Michigan earn the starting srong safety spot in place of Demetrious Johnson. William Graham and James Griffin provide depth.

Eddie Murray ranks third among all-time field-goal kickers with a percentage of .745. He has led the Lions in scoring for seven years. He is consistent home and away, on turf or grass. Jim Arnold is the punter. Herman Hunter set Lions' records for kickoff returns

and yardage. Mandley finished fifth in the league in punt returns, but the Lions finished dead last in covering punts. Paul Butcher, the Lions' outstanding special teams' player, will try to do something about that.

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14	D'Addio, Dave Domey, Keith	FB	6-2	229	25	2	Maryland
70	Domey, Keith	OL	6-5	285	29	9	Penn State
94	Drake, Joe	NT	6-3	285	24	2	Arizona
43	Elder Donnie	CB	5-9	175	24	3	Memphis State
15	Erxleben, Russell	P	6-5	230	30	5	Texas
66	Evans, Leon	DE	6-5	282	25	3	
12	Ferguson, Joe	QB	6-1	195	36	15	Arkansas
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79	Gay, William	DE	6-5	260	31	10	Southern Cal
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34	Griffin, James	S	6-2	197	25	5	Mid. Tenn. St.
90	Grymes, Darrell	WR	6-2	186	25	1	Central State
58	Harrell, James	ILB	6-1	245	29	8.	
47	Griffin, James Grymes, Darrell Harrell, James Hill, Rod. Hipple, Eric Hughes, Allen	CB	6-0	188	27	5	
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	Ledbetter, Weldon	HB	6-0	223	21	1	
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9	Calhoun, Rick	88	5-7	185	Fullerton St.				
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11	Siverting, Brian	TE	6-7	253	Penn State				
12	Lee, Gary	/R	6-1	202	Georgia Tech				



GREEN BAY PACKERS

After three seasons of 8-8 stalemates, two under coach Forrest Gregg, the Packers slumped to 4-12. "The people that we had were not good enough to win," Gregg said. "We paid a dear price, but I am totally convinced that what I did was right. I think this team can be a great deal better.

It better be better, because the good citizens of Green Bay are outraged. It's not so much the losing as an embarrassing series of sexual charges against several players starting in 1984 that has overshadowed everything else the team does.

The Packers continued the rebuilding in the offseason with the hiring of a new director of football operations, Tom Braatz, a Wisconsin native and former Atlanta Falcons' personnel chief. They traded all-time leading wide receiver James Lofton to the Los Angeles Raiders and they initiated a new era by making Auburn running back Brent Fullwood their No. 1 draft pick. Fullwood was overshadowed by Bo Jackson during his career and overlooked by casual fans, but not by scouts who labeled him the premier runner in college football. The 5-11, 209-pounder was a unanimous All-America and will give the Packers' running attack instant respect.

At quarterback, the Packers are convinced that Randy Wright is their man. It took the whole season for Wright to convince his teammates that he could replace Lynn Dickey. By the end of it, he compiled the club's thirdhighest single-season totals ever for completions and passing yardage. "Randy may be, overall, the most improved player on our team. He has answered a lot of guestions for 10th

RUSHING—Davis, 519 yards on 114 carries, 4.6 avg . . . 19th PASSING—Wright, 263 of 492 attempts for 3,247 yards and 17

RECEIVING-Lofton, 64 receptions for 840 yards, 13.1 avg., 4 INTERCEPTIONS-Lee, 9 for 33 yards, 3.7 avg ... 3rd

PUNTING-Bracken, 55 punts, 40.1 avg., longest 63 PUNT RETURNS-Stanley, 33 for 316 yards, 9.6 avg., 1

KICKOFF RETURNS-Stanley, 28 for 559 yards, 20.0 avg . . . 9th

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September	13	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	
	20	DENVER at Milwaukee	
	27	At Tampa Bay	21-7
October	4	At Minnesola	7-42
	11	DETROIT	14-21
	18	PHILADELPHIA	
	25	At Detroit	44-40
November	1	TAMPA BAY at Milwaukee	31-7
	8	CHICAGO	12-25
	15	At Seattle	
	22	At Kansas City	-
	29	At Chicago	10-12
December	6	SAN FRANCISCO	
	13	MINNESOTA at Milwaukee	6-32
	19	At New York Giants	24-55

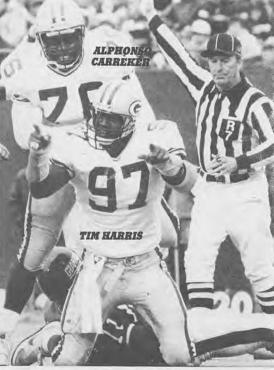
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us and for his critics," Gregg said. Wright's strong arm and instinct to avoid the rush, plus his intelligence and leadership, had some Green Bay observers recalling a young Bart Starr. Even so, the Packers have last year's third-round draft choice, Robbie Bosco, waiting in the wings. Bosco underwent corrective surgery on his right shoulder last October and should be ready to compete for a job in training camp, "If he hadn't had that shoulder problem, he probably would have gone in the first round," Braatz said.

Without Lofton, the Packers still feel comfortable with their receivers as long as Phillip Epps and Walter Stanley are around. Epps has world-class speed; when he broke an ankle last year, Stanley emerged as a dangerous threat. Against Detroit on Thanksgiving, he burst upon the national scene with a threetouchdown, 287-yard performance that included an 83-yard punt return for the winning score. Former running back Eddie Lee Ivery proved to be reliable as the third wide receiver. Third-round draft choice Frankie Neal is an intriguing prospect from Ft. Hays State who began his career at Florida. The tight-end situation is in good hands with former Bengal and USFL player Dan Ross starting and veteran Ed West providing the blocking. Mark Lewis is a talented third-year prospect.

At running back, Fullwood is expected to team with second-year fullback Paul Ott Carruth, with several veterans pushing for backup spots. Gary Ellerson and Kenneth Davis will line up behind Fullwood; Gerry Ellis and Jessie Clark also will vie for playing time. Ellerson and Davis showed flashes of outstanding form at halfback last year, but neither is expected to withstand the challenge of Fullwood.

Gregg is proud of his offensive line, citing its youth and experience. Tackles Ken Ruettgers and Alan Veingrad, guards Tom Neville and Ron Hallstrom, and center Karl Swanke helped the Packers move the ball



against the Giants in the season finale. Keith Uecker, Rich Moran, and Mark Cannon-all starters from 1985-will be back to challenge for jobs. Third-round draft choice Dave Croston of lowa was projected as a possible firstrounder by some scouts. He will join Greg Feasel and Dan Knight in the scramble for a backup tackle job. Swanke, a former tackle, surprised everyone with his ability to play center, filling in for the injured Cannon. "I can't think of any better condition to have an offensive line in," Gregg said.

On defense, Gregg can think of a lot better conditions. The Packer pass rush dropped by 20 sacks last year to only 28 and the defense against the run also dropped off from 16th to 21st. Help will be welcomed in the front seven and Gregg hopes he got some in his secondand third-round draft choices: linebackers Johnny Holland of Texas A&M and Scott Stephen of Arizona State.

Of the paltry 28 sacks, the defensive line had only 101/2. Lack of pressure up front was primarily responsible for the Packers giving up 31 touchdown passes, more than any other team except the Jets. "I think there will be some questions as to who the starters will be," Gregg said. Nose tackle Charles Martin played well, according to Gregg, but he gained more notoriety for slamming Bears' quarterback Jim McMahon to the ground and earning a two-game suspension. Ends Alphonso Carreker and Robert Brown are average players who rarely threaten passers without help from a four-man rush. Ben Thomas is a backup inside and outside. Ezra Johnson is

a veteran pass rusher.

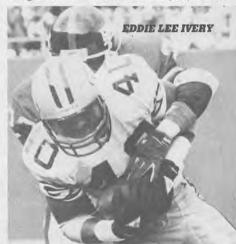
Linebacker Tim Harris played his best ball when rushing the passer in a four-man front. "He was the best of all our people at pressuring the quarterback," Gregg said. The 6-6, 243-pound Harris is the prototype of the linebacker-pass rusher that every team is coveting these days. The addition of the 6-2, 221pound Holland and the 6-2, 232-pound Stephen will give the Packers more size and potential at linebacker than they have enjoyed in years. Veteran John Anderson will return from a broken ankle to join Harris and inside starters Brian Noble (6-3, 250) and Randy Scott, with Bobby Leopold also competing for a backup job. Noble led the club in tackles despite having to play out of position at outside linebacker on occasion.

The secondary is the most solid area of the defense despite losing cornerback Tim Lewis early in the season with a neck injury. Starters Mark Lee and Mossy Cade at cornerback and Ken Stills and Tiger Greene at safety will return intact, backed up by John Simmons, Ed Berry, David Greenwood, Elbert Watts, and Mark Murphy. "Mark Lee had a great year, and I really felt that would be a Pro Bowl performance for him," Gregg said. "Every week, if you asked me who played well enough to win, it was Mark Lee." Stills harnessed his enthusiasm and became an effective and inspirational team leader at free safety. Greene

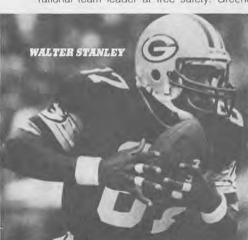
moved in at strong safety after joining the club as a free agent.

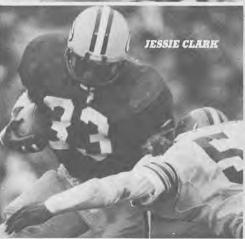
The Packers permitted five punts to be blocked, far and away the worst record in the league. Mississippi's Bill Smith (44-yard average) was drafted in the seventh round last spring to correct the problem. Al Del Greco had what Gregg described as a "solid" year as place-kicker. Stanley did an exceptional job of returning both punts and kickoffs. His duties might be limited this year because of his responsibility at wide receiver. Kickoff and punt coverage both were among conference leaders, reflecting the enthusiasm of a young

'I feel good about this team," Gregg said. "I feel good about the attitude as much as anything else. I think we have some people that









care whether you win or lose." Gregg is convinced the Packers are good enough to compete for the NFC Central title. "I don't think there's any question that we can. We proved last year that we could play with anybody. We played the Bears very close. The Bears are going to be the team to beat."

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11	Bosco, Robbie	OB	6-2	198	24	1	BYU
	Boyarsky, Jerry					7	Pitt
17	Bracken Don	P	6-0	211	25	3	Michigan
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24	Code Massur	CD	0-6	198	26	3	Texas
24	Cade, Mossy	PB.	0-1	190			
98	Cannon, Mark Carr, Carl Carreker, Alphonso	U.	0-3	258			Texas-Arlington
54	Carr, Carl	LB	6-4	232	23	1	No. Carolina
76	Carreker, Alphenso .	DE	6-6	271	25	4	Florida St.
50	Carruth, Paul Uti :	HD.	D-1	660	26	2	Alabama
68	Carter, Thomas	LB	6-2	240	26	1	San Diego St.
59	Cherry, Bill	OL	6-4	277	- 26	2	Mid. Tenn. St.
33	Clark, Jessie	FB	6-0	228	27	5	Arkansas
36	Davis, Kenneth	RR.	5-10.	209	25	2	TCU
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31	Ellis, Gerry Epps, Phillip	FR	5-11	235	30		Missouri
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84	Fitzgerald, Patrick Fusina, Chuck	WB	6-3	197	24	1	Boise St.
4	Fusina, Chuck	QB.	6-1	195	30	5	Penn State
63	Garrett, Curtis	DL	6-6	270	25	1	Illinois St.
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74	Knight, Dan	T	6-5	280	24	1	San Diego St.
22	Lee, Mark	DB	5-11	189	29	8	Washington
53	Knight, Dan Lee, Mark Leopold, Bobby	LB	6-1	224	30	6	Notre Dame
89	Lewis, Mark Martin, Charles Moffitt, Mike Moore, Brent	TE	6-2	237	26	2	Texas A&M
94	Martin Charles	DE	6-4	280	28		Livingston
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72	Murphy, Mark Neville, Tom Noble, Brian	OL	6-5	306	26	2	Fresno State
91	Noble, Brian	LB	6-3	252	25	3	
39	Parker, Freddie Renner, Bill Ross, Dan Ruettgers, Ken	.RB	5-10	215	25	1	Miss Valley
13	Renner, Bill	P	6-0	198	28	2	Va. Tech
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3	Neal, Frankie	WR	6-1	202	Ft. Hays State	
4	Freeman, Lorenzo	. DT	6-5	280	Pittsburgh	
6	Marshall, Willie .	WR	6-1	190	Temple	
7	Leiker, Tony	DI	6-5	258	Stanford	
7	Smith, Bill	P	6-3	222	Mississippi	
B	Drost, Jeff	.DT	6-5	286	Iowa	
9	Harris, Greg	. OG	6-4	283	Wake Forest	
0	Majkowski, Don	. QB	6-2	197	Virginia	
1	Scott, Patrick	. WR	6-0	182	Grambling	
2	Jefferson, Norman	. DB	5-10	183	LSU	

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Losing apparently pays so well in Tampa Bay that the Buccaneers should really be nicknamed the Bucks. To cure what ails the worst team in the league, Tampa Bay owner Hugh Culverhouse went straight to his checkbook and signed coach Ray Perkins for \$1 million a year. Then he paid quarterback Vinny Testaverde more than that before the youngster threw his first pass or threatened to follow last year's No. 1 draft choice, Bo Jackson, to baseball. Coaches and players everywhere are secretly rooting for Perkins and Testaverde to turn the 2-14 Bucs around. If they can do it, owners everywhere will follow Culverhouse's lead and reach for their wallets.

Perkins has more than a poor team to turn around. He is faced with fan apathy that was reflected in a newspaper poll seeking a replacement for the fired Leeman Bennett. Perkins was the fourth choice with six votes, fewer than Bennett himself.

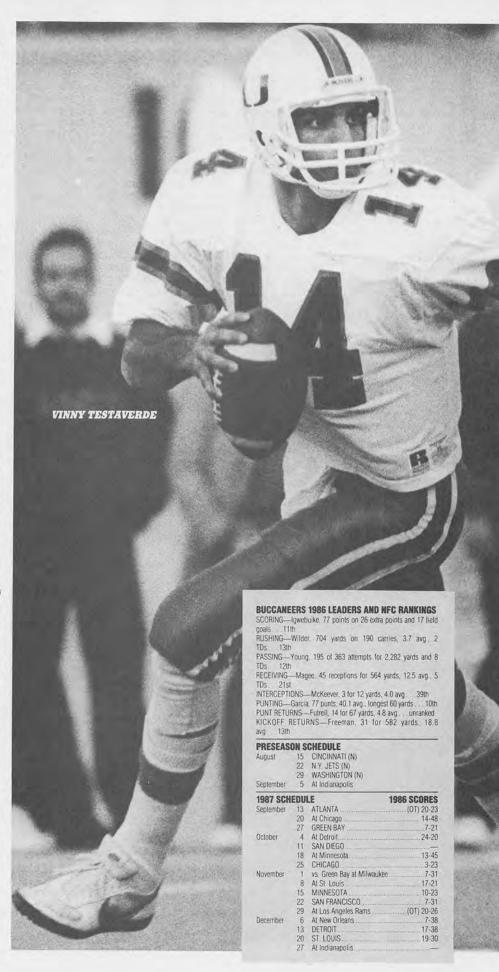
Testaverde is likely to sell enough tickets to justify his paycheck. According to Perkins and others who have scouted the Heisman Trophy winner from Miami, Testaverde will do more than sell tickets. "I haven't seen the total qualities he brings to the quarterback position in a player coming out in at least 15 years. He should be a great quarterback and I don't use the word 'great' too many times," Perkins said. Among those qualities, Testaverde better have a healthy sense of how to handle pressure. The last 15 years covers a lot of territory. The year of 1983 takes in John Elway and Dan Marino. Testaverde's promise alone was enough for the Bucs to dump incumbent Steve Young to the San Francisco 49ers for second- and fourth-round draft choices and \$1 million cash, which conveniently covered Testaverde's reporting bonus. Young wasn't a bad quarterback, according to many of the coaches and players who faced him. He was just mired in a bad situation. Behind Testaverde, the Bucs still have former starter Steve DeBerg, who has paved the way for stars everywhere he has been. DeBerg is a good man, to have around.

For Testaverde to extricate the Bucs, he will need more than money. That's why the Bucs drafted a 12-round record 20 players, practically an entire team. After watching a lowlight film, they had to figure any 20 players would be better than 20 on the Buc roster. Don't be surprised if 15 or so stick.

"We drafted for every area on the team," Perkins said. "We have an awful lot of work to do. I'm not a miracle worker. I don't want the fans of Tampa to think I am. I do believe very strongly that we will win. When, I don't know."

In all the excitement of draft day, the Bucs hope they have hired enough people to catch the passes Testaverde is expected to throw. They dumped tight end Jimmie Giles and wide receiver Kevin House during last season and both caught on with other teams. Calvin Magee emerged as a more than adequate replacement for Giles, and Jerry Bell and K.D. Dunn give the Bucs depth at tight end. They also added Ron Hall of Hawaii in the fourth round because they thought he was clearly the highest-rated athlete at the time.

Wide receiver is another story. Gerald Carter caught over 40 passes for the fourth year, but he is a possession-type receiver. Phil Freeman caught 14 passes. David Williams was a Bear castoff who still has possibilities.



The hope is that two draft choices, thirdrounder Mark Carrier of Nicholls State and fourth-rounder Bruce Hill of Arizona State, will

quickly emerge as answers.

Running back James Wilder led the club in rushing for the fifth year in a row, but the 6-3, 225-pounder missed some time for the first year since 1983 with rib and ankle injuries. Being human, he needs help. The Bucs hope they found it in one of their three secondrounders, Mississippi State quarterback Don Smith, a great runner who wanted to be tried at quarterback and could back up Testaverde. In the ninth round, they took a workhorse runner in Wisconsin's Joe Armentrout.

The Bucs drafted only one offensive lineman, 10th-rounder Mike Simmonds of Indiana State, so they must be satisfied with the protection they will give their new quarterback. Going into training camp, the depth chart will have Rob Taylor and Ron Heller at the tackles, Rick Mallory and George Yarno at the guards. and Randy Grimes at center. Regular guard Sean Farrell couldn't wait for Testaverde and was traded to New England, Huge J.D. Maar-

new acquisitions Greg Robinson and Conrad Goode could figure.

With only 19 sacks last year, the big problem with the Bucs was defense. Lawrence Taylor had 201/2 sacks in New York all by himself. Somehow, the Bucs have to invent a pass rush before Testaverde has a chance to compete. It could start with 1985 No. 1 draft choice Ron Holmes, whose development at right end as Lee Roy Selmon's replacement has been hindered by injuries. Left end John Cannon missed seven games last year with a leg fracture. Nose tackle David Logan has not missed a start since 1980. Backups Kevin Kellin, Bob Nelson, and Tyrone Keys need to push harder

Improvement on defense is going to have to come mainly from the linebackers. The Bucs have high draft choices playing the position in Jackie Walker, Kevin Murphy, and Ervin Randle. This year, they added Miami's Winston Moss, Penn State's Don Graham, and Nevada-Reno's Henry Rolling in rounds two, four, and five. Jeff Davis and Scot Brantley have been the starting inside linebackers for four years. Chris Washington is the starter on the right outside. They will all have to get better to stay there. "We have some players with good athletic ability," Perkins said. "They will become more productive.'

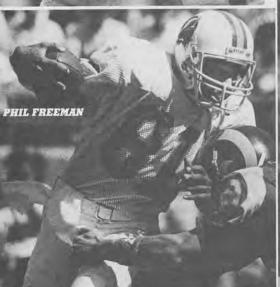
The Bucs lined up with two rookies in their secondary last year and might end up with two more this year. Cornerback Rod Jones and strong safety Craig Swoope won starting spots. Former USFL corner Vito McKeever played the final eight games and led the team with three interceptions. Veteran Jeremiah Castille will try to regain his corner job, but second-round draft choice Ricky Reynolds of

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Washington State is expected to earn a job at either corner or safety. Fifth-rounder Tony Mayes will vie with Kevin Walker and Craig Curry for reserve duty

Place-kicker Donald Igwebuike has not missed a field goal shorter than 35 yards in two years. However, the Bucs don't get that close often enough for Igwebuike to make a big difference in the won-lost record. Punter Frank Garcia is good at placing kicks inside the 20. With all those rookies on the roster, the Bucs are bound to improve their kick coverage and returns. They were 26th in covering kickoffs and 25th in covering punts, a sad indication of a lack of enthusiasm that Perkins hopes he can correct.

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2	Reynolds, Ricky	. CB	6-0	181	Washington St		
2	Moss, Winston	LB	6-3	240	Miami		
2	Smith, Don	. QB/RB	6-0	195	Mississippi St		
3	Carrier, Mark	WR	6-0	181	Nicholls State		
4	Graham, Don	LB	6-2	244	Penn State		
4	Hall, Ron	. TE	6-4	238	Hawaii		
4	Hill, Bruce	. WR	6-0	175	Arizona State		
5	Rolling, Henry	LB	6-2	220	Nevada-Reno		
5	Mayes, Tony	DB	6-0	200	Kentucky		
6	Bartalo, Steve		5-9	200	Colorado State		
7	Jarvis, Curl	. NT	6-2	266	Alabama		
7	Swayne, Harry	- DL	6-5	268	Rutgers		
8	Mataele, Stan	NT	6-2	277	Arizona		
9	Armentroul, Joe	RB	6-0	230	Wisconsin		
9	Davis, Greg	RB.	5-11	190	Citadel		
10	Simmonds, Mike		6-4	281	Indiana State		
11	Taylor, Reggie .	RB	5-5	170	Cincinnati		
12	Cooper, Scott	DT	6-5	275	Kearney State		
12	Shula Mike		6-2	200	Alabama		

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Washington 12	4	0	.750	368	296
Dallas 7	9	0	.438	346	337
Philadelphia 5	10	1	.344	256	312
St. Louis 4	11	1	.281	218	351
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Minnesola	9	-	U	.505	390	210
Detroit	5	11	0	.313	277	326
Green Bay	4	12	0	.250	254	418
Tampa Bay	2	14	0	.125	239	473

Western Division 10 5 1 656 274 247

L.A. Rams	10	6	0	.625	309	267
Atlanta	. 7	8	1	.469	280	280
New Orleans	. 7	9	0	.438	288	287

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7	1	Pct	PIS	Opp
5	0	.688	378	327
6	0	.625	358	326
6	0	.625	366	293
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Central Division					
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Cincinnati 10	6	0	.625	409	394
Pittsburgh6	10	0	.375	307	336
Houston5	11	0	.313	274	329

Eastern Division

New England	11	. 5	0	.688	412	307
N.Y. Jets	10	6	0	.625	364	386
Miami	. 8	8	0	.500	430	405
Buffalo	. 4	12	0	.250	287	348
Indianapolis	. 3	13	0	.188	229	400

WILD CARD GAMES N.Y. Jets 35, Kansas City 15 Washington 19, L.A. Rams 7

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS Cleveland 23, N.Y. Jets 20 (2 OT) Denver 22, New England 17 N.Y. Giants 49, San Francisco 3. Washington 27, Chicago 13

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS Denver 23, Cleveland 20 (OT) N.Y. Giants 17, Washington 0

SUPER BOWL XXI N.Y. Giants 39, Denver 20

AFC WILD CARD GAME

Kansas City	.6	0	0	9-	15	
N.Y. Jets	.7	14	7	7-3	35	

First Period

Kansas City: Smith 1 run (kick failed), 6:59 N.Y. Jets: McNeil 4 run (Leahy kick), 14:14

Second Period

N.Y. Jets: McNeil 1 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick), 5:48

N.Y. Jets: Toon 11 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick), 14:01

Third Period

N.Y. Jets: McArthur 21 interception return (Leahy kick), 0:13

Fourth Period

Kansas City: Lewis blocked punt recovery in end zone (Lowery kick), 0:14

N.Y. Jets: Griggs 6 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick), 4:11

Kansas City: Safety, Jennings runs out of end zone, 12:01 Attendance: 69.307

Team Statistics

	Chiefs	Jets
First downs	15	19
Rushing		9
Passing		
Penalty	3	0
Third down efficiency	6-14	6-12
Fourth down efficiency.		
Net yards		
Plays	59	61
Average gain	4.1	5.2
Net yards rushing		
Rushes	20	36
Average per rush	3.4	4.6
Net yards passing	174	141
Completed-attempted	20-37	16-23
Yards per pass play	4.5	5.6
Sacked-yards lost	2-3	2-12
Had intercepted	2	0
Punts-average	3-41	4-29
Total return yardage	90	64
Punts-returns	3-5	1-4
Kickoffs-returns	5-85	3-27
Interceptions	0-0	2-33
Penalties-yards	1-5	8-54
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-0
Time of possession	28:53	31:07

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Kansas City, Blackledge 4-33, Green 8-15, Smith 4-12, Moriarty 2-7, Heard 1-1, S. Paige 1-(-1). New York, McNeil 31-135, Ryan 2-30, T. Paige 2-3, Jennings 1-(-3).

Passing: Kansas City, Blackledge 12-21-2-80, Kenney 8-16-0-97. New York, Ryan 16-23-0-

Receiving: Kansas City, Marshall 6-72, Green 5-7, Coffman 3-12, Carson 2-43, Smith 2-1, Moriarty 1-16, Heard 1-15. New York, Toon 4-48, Shuler 4-28, McNeil 3-16, Walker 2-45, Sohn 1-11, Griggs 1-6, Alexander 1-(-1). Interceptions: New York, Carter, McArthur, Missed Field Goals: None.

NEC WILD CARD GAME

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L.A. Rams	0	0	0	7-	7
Washington	10	3	3	3-	19

First Period

Washington: FG Atkinson 25, 6:01 Washington: Bryant 14 pass from Schroeder (Atkinson kick), 12:34

Second Period

Washington: FG Atkinson 20, 13:55 Third Period

Washington: FG Atkinson 38, 12:03

Fourth Period

Los Angeles: House 12 pass from Everett

(Lansford kick) 0:09

Washington: FG Atkinson 19, 14:00

Attendance: 54,180

Team Statistics		
	Rams	Redskins
First downs	16	15
Rushing	9	9
Passing	6	5
Penalty	1	
Third down efficiency	5-10	7-16
Fourth down efficiency	0-1	0-0
Net yards	324	228
Plays	53	64
Average gain	6.1	3.6
Net yards rushing		
Rushes	34	41
Average per rush	5.8	3.4
Net yards passing		
Completed-attempted.	9-18	13-23
Yards per pass play	6.6	3.9
Sacked-yards lost	1-10	0-0
Had intercepted	2	0
Punts-average	3-38	5-42
Total return yardage	109	53
Punts-returns	2-23	2-8
Kickoffs-returns	6-86	2-27
Interceptions	0-0	2-18

Individual Statistics

Rushing: L.A. Rams, Dickerson 26-158, Redden 7-28, Everett 1-12. Washington, Rogers 29-115, Bryant 4-17, Griffin 5-8, Schroeder 3-(-2)

Penalties-yards...... 8-78..... 6-45

Passing: L.A. Rams, Everett 9-18-2-136. Washington, Schroeder 13-23-0-90.

Receiving: L.A. Rams, House 3-70, Hill 3-27,

Redden 1-20, Ellard 1-14, Long 1-5. Washington, Monk 5-34, Bryant 2-18, Sanders 2-15, Clark 1-8, Warren 1-7, Didier 1-4, Rogers 1-4.

Interceptions: Washington, Walton, Wilburn. Missed Field Goals: L.A. Rams, Lansford 50.

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

N.Y. Jets7	3	3	7	0	0-20
Cleveland7	3	0.,	10	0	3-23

First Period

N.Y. Jets: Walker 42 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick), 9:56.

Cleveland: Fontenot 37 pass from Kosar (Moseley kick), 13:16.

Second Period

Cleveland: FG Moseley 38, 9:09 N.Y. Jets: FG Leahy 46, 14:58

Third Period

N.Y. Jets: FG Leahy 37, 4:03

Fourth Period

N.Y. Jets: McNeil 25 run (Leahy kick), 10:46 Cleveland: Mack 1 run (Moseley kick), 13:03 Cleveland: FG Moseley 22, 14:53

First Overtime

No scoring

Second Overtime

Cleveland: FG Moseley 27, 2:02 Attendance: 78 106

Team Statistics

	Jets	Browns
First downs	14	33
Rushing	6	6
Passing	8	21
Penalty		6
Third down efficiency	2-18	7-19

Super Bowl MVP Phil Simms (with center Bart Oates) completed 22 of 25 passes in the Giants' 39-20 victory over the Broncos.

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Fourth down efficiency	salas 1-1 has	0-0
Net yards	287.	558
Plays:	71	96
Average gain		5.8
Net yards rushing		75
Rushes		27
Average per rush		2.8
Net yards passing	183	483
Completed attempted	17-30	34-65
Yards per pass play	4.6	7.0
Sacked-yards lost		4-11
Had intercepted	0	2
Punts-average	14-38	8-39
Total return yardage	114	111
Punts-returns	2-23	7-65
Kickoffs-returns	5-91	5-46
Interceptions	2-0	0.0
Penalties-yards		4-40
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-0
Time of possession	31/38	45.24

Individual Statistics
Rushing: New York, F. McNeil 25-71, O'Brien 3-22, Paige 3-11. Cleveland, Mack 20-63, Fontenol 3-8, Dickey 3-4, Kosar 1-0, Passing, New York, O Brien 11-19-0-134, Ryan 6-11-0-103, Cleveland, Kosar 33-64-2-489, Brennan 1-1-0-5

2-489, Brennan 1-1-0-5
Receiving: New York, Toon 5-93, Shuler 4-43,
F. McNeil 4-35, Walker 2-49, Paige 1-10,
Sohn 1-7 Cleveland, Newsome 6-114,
Slaughter 6-86, Fontenot 5-62, Mack 5-51,
Brennan 4-69, Langhorne 4-65, Holt 2-42,
Weathers 1-3, Dickey 1-2
Interceptions: New York, Carter, Holmes
Missed Field Goals: Cleveland, Moseley 46,
44-23

44, 23.

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

New England	0	10	7	0-17
Denver	3.	7	10	2 -22

First Period

Pirst Period
Denver: FG Karlis 27, 2:48
Second Period
New England: Morgan 19 pass from Eason
(Franklin kick): 14:04
Denver: Elway 22 run (Karlis kick): 7:42
New England: FG Franklin 38:0:02

Third Period

Denver: FG Karlis 22, 5:50

Denver: FG Karlis 22, 5,50

New England: Fryar 45 pass from Eason
(Franklin kick), 2,50

Denver: V. Johnson 48 pass from Elway
(Karlis kick), 0:00

Fourth Period

Denver: Safety, R. Jones tackled Eason in
end zone, 1,37

Attendance: 76,105

Team Statistics

	Patnots	Broncos
First downs	12	23
Rushing	6	12
Passing	6	9
Penalty		2
Third down efficiency	2-12	5-15
Fourth down efficiency	0-0	0-0
Net yards	271	441
Plays	54	
Average gain	5.0	5.9
Net yards rushing	121	188
Rushes	24	
Average per rush	5.0	4.5
Net yards passing	150	253
Completed-attempted	13-24	13-32
Yards per pass play	5.0	7.7
Sacked-yards lost	6-44	1-4
Had intercepted	0	2
Punts-average	9-50	6-46
Total return yardage	46	119
Punts-returns	2-13	4-35
Kickoffs-returns	2.31	4-84
Interceptions		0-0
Penalties-yards	5-45	3-20
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0

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Time of possession....... 24:31...........35:29

Individual Statistics

Rushing: New England, Collins 5-46, James 10-31, Eason 2-23, Dupard 5-18, Hawthorne 1-5, Fryar 1-(-2). Denver, Winder 19-102, Lang 11-44, Elway 5-18, Bell 2-12, Sewell 2-8, Willhite 3-4.

Passing: New England, Eason 13-24-0-194. Denver, Elway 13-32-2-257. Receiving: New England, Collins 4-46,

Morgan 3-100, Baty 3-31, Fryar 2-11, Hawthorne 1-6. Denver, Johnson 4-89, Sewell 3-41, Mobley 2-69, Watson 1-21, Micho 1-20, Winder 1-16, Lang 1-1.

Interceptions: New England, McSwain, Rembert. Missed Field Goals: None.

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

San Francisco......3..... 0..... 0... 0 — 3 N.Y. Giants7.... 21.... 21... 0 — 49

First Period

N.Y. Giants: Bavaro 24 pass from Simms (Allegre kick), 7:31 San Francisco: FG Wersching 26, 13:40

Second Period

N.Y. Giants: Morris 45 run (Allegre kick), 7:21 N.Y. Giants: B. Johnson 15 pass from Simms (Allegre kick), 14:10

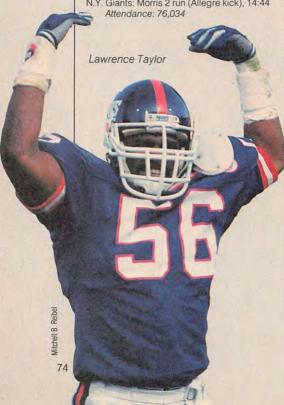
N.Y. Giants: Taylor 34 interception return (Allegre kick), 14:32

Third Period

N.Y. Giants: McConkey 28 pass from Simms (Allegre kick), 6:04

N.Y. Giants: Mowatt 29 pass from Simms (Allegre kick), 13:02

N.Y. Giants: Morris 2 run (Allegre kick), 14:44



Team Statistics		
	49ers	Giants
First downs	9	21
Rushing	2	12
· Passing		
Penalty	1	3
Third down efficiency	2-14	6-14
Fourth down efficiency	0-0	1-1
Net yards	184	366
Plays	58	65
Average gain	3.2	5.6
Net yards rushing	29	216
Rushes	20	44
Average per rush		4.9
Net yards passing	155	150
Completed-attempted	15-37	10-20
Yards per pass play	4.1	7.1
Sacked-yards lost	1-7	1-9
Had intercepted	3	0
Punts-average	10-40	7-44



Total return yardage	130	166
Punts-returns	2-11	7-57
Kickoffs-returns	7-119	2-32
Interceptions	0-0	3-77
Penalties-yards	11-62	3-23
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Time of possession	25:24	34:36

Individual Statistics

Rushing: San Francisco, Craig 5-17, Rathman 3-8, Cribbs 12-4. New York, Morris 24-159, Rouson 8-28, Carthon 6-17, Simms 1-15, Anderson 4-2, Manuel 1-(-5).

Passing: San Francisco, Montana 8-15-2-98, Kemp 7-22-1-64. New York, Simms 9-19-0-136, Rutledge 1-1-0-23.

Receiving: San Francisco, Craig 4-22, Clark 3-52, Rice 3-48, Francis 3-26, Margerum 1-12, Cribbs 1-2. New York, Bavaro 2-47, Rouson 2-22, Mowatt 1-29, McConkey 1-28, Galbreath 1-9, Carthon 1-7, Morris 1-2 Interceptions: New York, Taylor, Welch,

Missed Field Goals: None

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Washington	7 0	7 13-27
Chicago	0 13	0 0—13

First Period

Washington: Monk 28 pass from Schroeder (Atkinson kick), 12:45

Second Period

Chicago: Gault 50 pass from Flutie (Butler kick), 4:53

Chicago: FG Butler 23, 8:58 Chicago: FG Butler 41, 13:34



Third Period

Washington: Monk 23 pass from Schroeder (Atkinson kick), 7:51

Fourth Period

Washington: Rogers 1 run (Atkinson kick), 0:53 Washington: FG Atkinson 35, 6:54 Washington: FG Atkinson 25, 12:35 Attendance: 65,141

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Team	Sta	tist	CS

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First downs	19.	14
Rushing	8.	8
Passing	8.	5
Penalty	3.	1
Third down efficiency	6-16.	1-11
Fourth down efficience	y 0-0.	1-2
Net yards	302.	220
Plays	73.	56
Average gain	4.1.	3.9
Net yards rushing	134.	93
Rushes	39	21
Average per rush	3.4	3.9
Net yards passing	168.	127
Completed-attempted	1 15-32	11-31
Yards per pass play		
Sacked-yards lost	2-16	1-7
Had intercepted		2
Punts-average	7-39	6-41
Total return yardage	126	229
Punts-returns	3-22	5-27
Kickoffs-returns	3-71	6-159
Interceptions	2-33	1-43
Penalties-yards	8-65	4-42
Fumbles-lost		
Time of possession	33:44	26:16
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Individual Statistics

Rushing: Washington, Rogers 28-72, Bryant 8-46, Schroeder 3-16. Chicago, Payton 14-38, Suhey 4-14, Thomas 3-18, Flutie 2-12, Anderson 1-11

Passing: Washington, Schroeder 15-32-1-184. Chicago, Flutie 11-31-2-134

Receiving: Washington, Monk 5-81, Clark 5-37, Bryant 4-61, Warren 1-5. Chicago, Gault 5-82, Ortego 2-36, Wrightman 2-16, Suhey 1-2, Payton 1-(-2).

Interceptions: Washington, Dean, Green. Chicago, Richardson.

Missed Field Goals: Chicago, Butler 49.

Mark Bavaro (right) caught four passes, including one for a 13-yard TD. in the Super Bowl; the Giants' defense (above) limited the Broncos to just 52 yards rushing in the game.

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Denver	0	10	3	. 7	3-23
Cleveland	7	. 3	0	10	0-20

First Period

Cleveland: Fontenot 6 pass from Kosar (Moseley kick), 9:41

Second Period

Denver: FG Karlis 19, 2:53 Denver: Willhite 1 run (Karlis kick), 4:24 Cleveland: FG Moseley 29 14:40

Third Period

Denver: FG Karlis 26, 12:10

Fourth Period

Cleveland: FG Mosely 24, 2:22 Cleveland: Brennan 48 pass from Kosar (Moseley kick), 9:17

Denver: Jackson 5 pass from Elway (Karlis kick), 14:23

Overtime

Denver: FG Karlis 33, 5:48 Attendance: 79,915

Team Statistics		
	Broncos	Browns
First downs	22	17
Rushing	6	4
Passing	13	12
Penalty	3	1
Third down efficiency.		
Fourth down efficiency		
Net yards		
Plays		
Average gain		
Net yards rushing		
Rushes		
Average per rush		
Net yards passing		
Completed-attempted		
Yards per pass		7.8

Had intercepted 1 2 Punts-average 7-38 6-43 Return yardage 83 142 Punts-returns 3-10 3-37 Kickoffs-returns 5-33 6-105 Interceptions 2-40 1-0 Penalties-yards 6-39 9-76
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Penalties-yards6-399-76
Fumbles-lost 1-0 3-1
Time of possession 34:0531:43

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Denver, Winder 26-83, Elway 4-56, Lang 3-9, Sewell 1-1, Willhite 3-0. Cleveland, Mack 26-94, Kosar 4-3, Fontenot 3-3.

Passing: Denver, Elway 22-38-1-244. Cleveland, Kosar 18-32-2-259.

Receiving: Denver, Watson 3-55, Sewell 3-47, Mobley 3-36, V. Johnson 3-25, M. Jackson 2-25, Kay 2-23, Willhite 2-20, Winder 2-2, Sampson 1-10, Lang 1-1. Cleveland, Fontenot 7-66, Brennan 4-72, Langhorne 2-35, Mack 2-20, Weathers 1-42, Slaughter 1-20, Byner 1-4.

Interceptions: Denver, Hunley, Ryan. Cleveland, Harper Missed Field Goals: None.

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Washington			
N.Y. Giants10) 7	0	0-17

First Period

New York: FG Allegre 47, 3:22 New York: Manuel 11 pass from Simms

(Allegre kick), 9:28 Second Period

New York: Morris 1 run (Allegre kick), 8:04 Attendance: 76,633

Team Statistics		7416
	Redskins	Giants
First downs	12	12
Rushing	2	88
Passing		
Penalty	3	1
Third down efficiency	0-14	3-13
Fourth down efficiency	/ 0-4	1-2
Net yards	190	199
Plays	70	61
Average gain	2.7	3.7
Net yards rushing		
Rushes	16	46
Average per rush	2.5	2.5
Net yards passing		
Completed-attempted	20-50	7-14
Yards per pass	2.8	5.5
Sacked-yards lost		
Had intercepted		
Punts-average		
Return yardage		
Punts-returns		
Kickoffs-returns	2-15	0-0
Interceptions		
Penalties-yards		
Fumbles-lost		
Time of possession		
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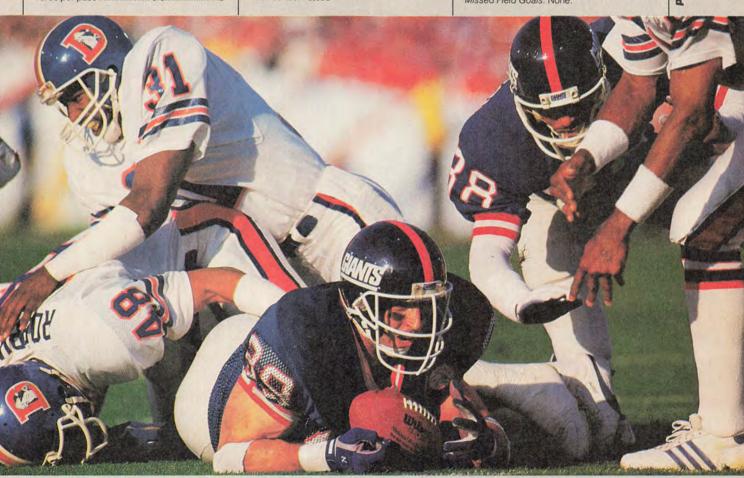
Individual Statistics

Rushing: Washington, Bryant 6-25, Rogers
9-15, Schroeder 1-0. New York, Morris
29-87, Carthon 7-28, Anderson 1-3, Rouson
1-2, Galbreath 1-(-1), Simms 7-(-2).

Passing: Washington, Schroeder 20-50-1-195.
New York, Simms 7-14-0-90.

Receiving: Washington, Monk 8-126, Bryant 7-45, Warren 3-9, Griffin 1-8, Didier 1-7 New York, Carthon 3-18, Manuel 2-36, Bavaro 2-36.

Interceptions: New York, Reasons. Missed Field Goals: None.





SUPER BOWL XXI

	At F	asade	ena.	CA, Ja	nuary 25
Denver		10	0	0	10-20
N Y Giants				17	13 39

Denver, FG Karlis 48, 4,09 N.Y. Giants: Mowatt 6 pass from Simms (Allegre kick) 9:33

Denver: Elway 4 run (Karlis kick), 12:54 **Second Period**

N.Y. Giants: Safety, Elway tackled in end zone, 12:14

Third Period

N.Y. Giants Bavaro 13 pass from Simms (Allegre kick), 4:52

N Y. Giants: FG Allegre 21, 11.06 N Y. Giants: Morris 1 run (Allegre kick), 14.36

Fourth Period

NY Giants McConkey 6 pass from Simms

Denver FG Karlis 28, 8:59

N.Y. Giants: Anderson 2 run (kick failed)

Denver: V Johnson 47 pass from Elway (Karlis kick), 12:54 Attendance 101,063

Team Statistics

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	Broncos	Giants
First downs	24	24
Rushing	5.	10
Passing	16.	13
Penalty	3.	1
Third down effic	iency 7-14	6-12

Courth down officions	0.0	4.6
Fourth down efficiency		
Net yards		
Plays		
Average gain		
Net yards rushing	52	136
Rushes.	19	38
Average per rush	2.7	3.6
Net yards passing	320	263
Completed-attempted.	26-41	22-25
Yards per pass play	7.1	10.1
Sacked-yards lost	4-32	1-5
Had intercepted		0
Punts average	2-41	3-46
Had blocked	0	0
Total return yards	93	71
Punts-returns		
Kickoffs-returns	4-84	6-53
Interceptions.	0-0	1-(-7)
Penalties-yards		
Fumbles-lost.		
Time of possession	25.21	34:39

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Denver, Elway 6-27, Willhite 4-19, Sewell 3-4, Lang 2-2, Winder 4-0, New York, Morris 20-67, Simms 3-25, Rouson 3-22, Galbreath 4-17, Carthon 3-4, Anderson 2-1 Rutledge 3-0

Passing: Denver, Elway 22-37-1-304, Kubiak

4-4-0-48 New York, Simms 22-25-0-268 Receiving, Denver, V. Johnson 5-121 Willhite 5-39, Winder 4-34, Jackson 3-51, Watson 2-54, Sampson 2-20, Mobley 2-17, Sewell 2-12, Lang 1-4 New York, Bavaro 4-51, Morris 4-20, Carthon 4-13, Robinson 3-62, Manuel 3-43, McConkey 2-50, Rouson 2-23, Mowatt 1-6.

Interceptions. Missed Field Goals

Denver, Karlis 23, 34



1967 Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10 1968 Green Bay 33, Oakland 14

New York Jets 16. Baltimore 7

Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7

Baltimore 16, Dallas 13 Dallas 24, Miami 3

Miami 14, Washington 7 Miami 24, Minnesota 7

Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6

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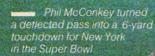
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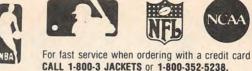
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The pro football Hall of Fame will induct seven new members in a ceremony on August 8 in Canton, Ohio. The honorees are: Joe Greene, Len Dawson, Larry Csonka, Don Maynard, Gene Upshaw, Jim Langer, and John Henry Johnson.

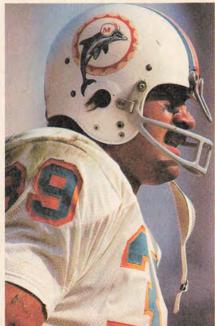
JOE GREENE

Following a 2-11-1 record in 1968, the Pittsburgh Steelers hired a new coach, Chuck Noll, who planned to renovate the team through the college draft. Noll never made a better decision than when he chose Greene, a defensive tackle from North Texas State, as the club's first selection in 1969. Greene reported 23 days late to training camp in a contact dispute his first summer. That didn't sit well with some of the veterans, who decided to teach the rookie a lesson when he finally agreed to terms. But in a two-on-one blocking drill, Greene overpowered his teammates.

"He grabbed Bruce [Van Dyke] by the neck and me by the shoulder pads and tossed us both away like we were rag dolls," recalled center Ray Mansfield. "It took him about a half-second to get to the quarterback." And about the same time for the Steelers to realize their good fortune. "All of a sudden we had a player who was head and shoulders above everyone," said Mansfield. "It was like having a big brother around when the bullies were coming to fight you."

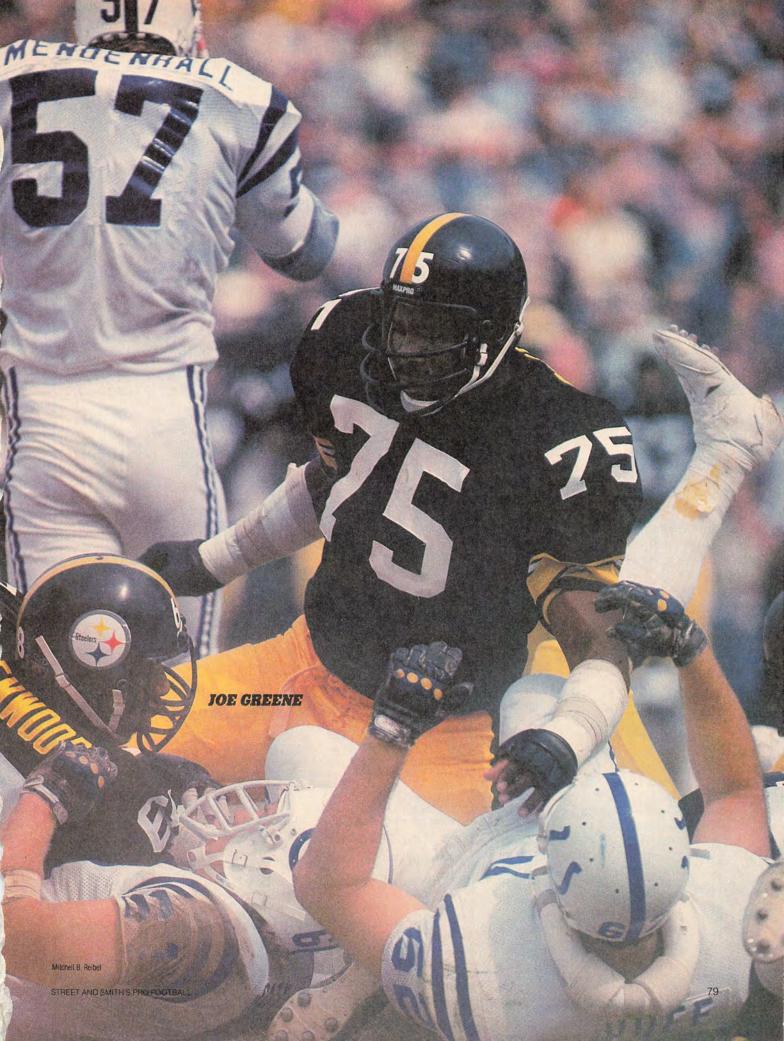
Greene was an immediate hit, winning the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Year award, and became the foundation upon which Pittsburgh's dynasty of the 1970s was built. Selected to the Pro Bowl ten times, including eight straight from 1970–77, Greene appeared in six AFC title games and four Super Bowls and was named the league Defensive Player of the Year twice.

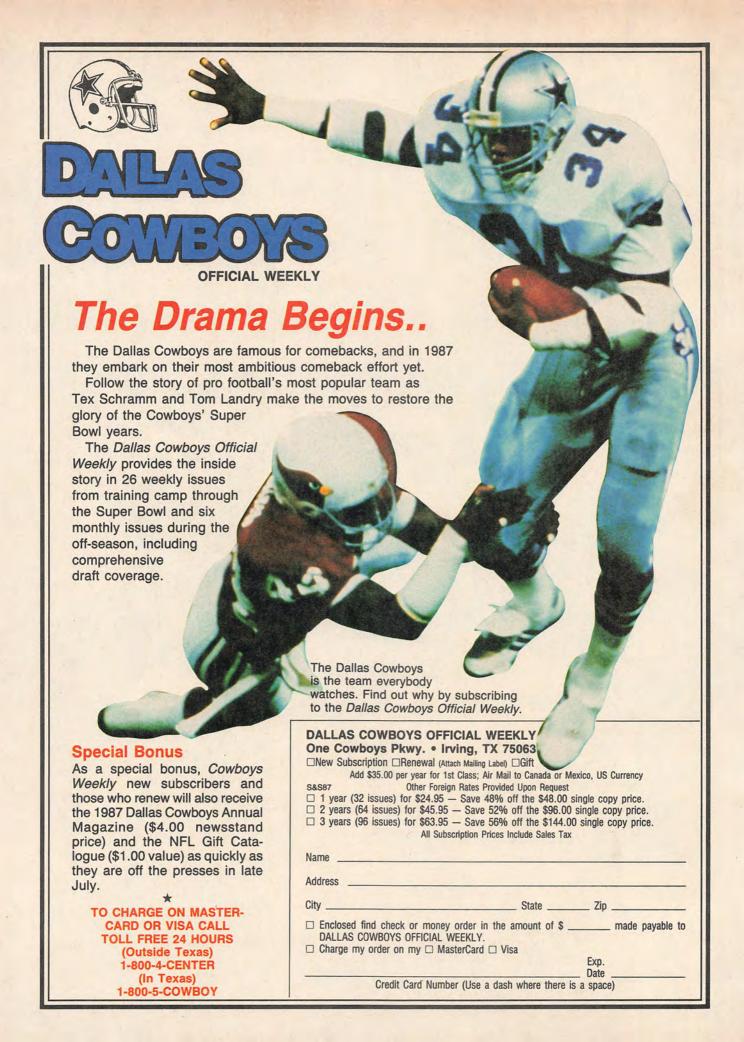
"I want to be remembered for playing 13 years and contributing to four champion-ship[s]," said Greene in announcing his retirement in 1981. "I would like to be remembered for maybe setting a standard for others to achieve."



GENE UPSHAW

LARRY CSONKA





'He's the best I've seen," said Noll, "Joe will always be something special."

Steeler fans might have added, "Thanks,

LEN DAWSON

Len Dawson, too, was a No. 1 draft choice of the Steelers, following a successful college career at Purdue, where he led the Big Ten conference in passing and total offense for three straight years. Pittsburgh won the coin flip with Cleveland and selected Dawson first in 1957, while the Browns settled for Jim Brown with their pick. But Dawson sat on the bench for three years and was traded to Cleveland. Dissatisfied with backup duty there, he jumped to the American Football League with the Dallas Texans, coached by former Purdue assistant Hank Stram.

I felt Lenny was like sterling silver," said Stram. "He was tarnished but he just needed

Dawson won the first of his four passing titles in 1962 and was named the AFL Player of the Year after leading his team to the league championship. The franchise moved to Kansas City the next season and the Chiefs were perennial contenders, winning the AFL crown in 1966 and '69. They represented the league in the Super Bowl on both occasions, losing 35-10 to Green Bay in Super Bowl I and defeating Minnesota 23-7 in Super Bowl IV. In the latter, Dawson completed 12 of 17 passes for 142 yards and a touchdown and was named the game's Most Valuable Player

Dawson retired after the 1975 season, having played for 19 years. His career marks include 2,136 completions in 3,741 attempts (57%) for 28,711 yards and 239 TDs. He is No. 8 in the Hall of Fame's all-time rankings.

LARRY CSONKA

After surpassing the rushing totals of Jim Brown, Ernie Davis, Jim Nance, and Floyd Little at Syracuse, Larry Csonka was selected in the first round of the 1968 AFL draft by Miami. He became the Dolphins' starting fullback. but the club did not produce a winning record until Don Shula arrived as coach in 1970. That year marked the first of five consecutive playoff appearances, during which time Miami won four AFC East titles, three conference championships, and two Super Bowls. Csonka was picked for the Pro Bowl following each of those seasons. He rushed for over 1,000 yards for three straight years and enjoyed his finest moment in Super Bowl VIII, when he ran 33 times for 145 yards and two touchdowns in a victory over Minnesota. For that he was named the MVP.

Csonka jumped to the Memphis Southmen of the World Football League in 1975 with Miami teammates Jim Kiick and Paul Warfield. He rejoined the NFL the next year as a free agent with the New York Giants, then returned to the Dolphins for his final season in '79.

Csonka is pro football's No. 10 rusher, with 1,891 carries for 8,081 yards and 64 TDs. He also had 106 receptions for 820 yards and 4 scores. Remarkably sure-handed, he fumbled just 21 times in his career

DON MAYNARD

A two-sport star at Texas Western, Don Maynard spent 14 of his 16 professional seasons in New York. As a running back with the Giants in 1958 he played sparingly behind Frank Gifford, Kyle Rote, and Alex Webster. He joined the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League for a year before returning to New York in 1960 with the Titans of the new AFL. The team became known as the Jets in 1963, and when quarterback Joe Namath arrived in '65, he and Maynard formed one of the game's outstanding passing combinations. The two are the only Jets players in the Hall of Fame. In the AFL title game against Oakland in 1968, Maynard caught a 14-yard touchdown to put his team ahead in the first guarter, then a 52-yard bomb and a 6-yard TD on successive plays in the fourth quarter for the winning score.

'That is the one I'll never forget." Maynard said. "If we hadn't won that day, there would have been no Super Bowl III for us.

Though he never led the league in receiving. Maynard is one of only three players ever to record more than 50 catches and 1,000 vards in five different seasons. When he retired after a year with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1973, he was pro football's career leader in receptions (663) and yardage (11,834). His 88 touchdown catches are second to Don Hutson's 99

GENE UPSHAW

The first Hall of Famer from the two-platoon era to play exclusively as a guard. Gene Upshaw was a success from the moment he arrived from Texas A&I. The Oakland Raiders'



first-round pick in the 1967 draft, he won the first-string job on the offensive line in his rookie training camp and held that position through 207 consecutive starts (including preand postseason games) over 15 years. During that time, the Raiders tied or won the division title nine years and finished second on four other occasions. Eight times an all-star, Upshaw played in seven AFC title games and three Super Bowls.

"I named Gene captain my first year [1969]," said Raiders coach John Madden, 'but his teammates [voted] him that honor every year since.

Upshaw is currently the executive director of the NFL Players Association.

IIM LANGER

The third member (with Joe Greene and Gene Upshaw) of the Hall of Fame's class of '87 to be elected in his first year of eligibility is Jim Langer. A free agent in 1970 from South Dakota State, Langer was waived by the Cleveland Browns and signed by the Miami Dolphins. He saw limited duty his first two years, then beat out incumbent center Bob DeMarco in '72 and played every offensive down in the Dolphins' perfect 17-0 season. Langer was a key to Miami's ball-control attack, 69 percent of which were running plays. The Dolphins repeated as Super Bowl champs the following year and Langer was named to the Pro Bowl, the first of six such honors. He played in 141 consecutive games (including postseason) until a knee injury forced him to the sidelines in 1979. After 10 years in Miami, Langer, at his request, was traded to Minnesota, where he served as a backup and tutor to the Vikings' center Dennis Swilley for two seasons.

Said his former Miami teammate Larry Csonka, "I'm twice as happy to be inducted because Jim Langer is going in with me. He was absolutely critical to my career."

JOHN HENRY JOHNSON

Drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers after finishing his college career at Arizona State, John Henry Johnson chose instead to play for Calgary in the Canadian Football League. Though the Stampeders finished in last place, Johnson was the league's MVP. He joined the NFL after San Francisco acquired his rights in a trade and he finished second in rushing his rookie year (1954) Part of the 49ers' "Fabulous Foursome," which included Y.A. Tittle, Joe Perry, and Hugh McElhenny, Johnson is the last member of that backfield to enter the Hall of Fame. He was traded in 1957 to the Detroit Lions, whom he helped lead to the NFL championship. Two years later, he was dealt to Pittsburgh, where he enjoyed his finest seasons, rushing for over 1,000 yards twice. As valuable as he was as a runner, Johnson was a devastating blocker



'John Henry is my bodyguard," said Steeler quarterback Bobby Layne. "Half the good runners will get a quarterback killed if you keep them around long enough. But a quarterback hits the jackpot when he gets a combination runner-blocker like Johnson.

Johnson closed out his 14-year professional career in 1966 with the Houston Oilers, the fourth-best rusher in history at the time. He now holds the No. 15 spot in the rankings, with 6,803 yards and 48 touchdowns.

The American Football Conference is in such a state that have-nots, the majority that did not qualify for the playoffs. Seattle and Cincinnati, whose 10-6 won-lost records were not quite good enough to allow them to play beyond last December 21, rank with the New England Patriots as prospective AFC powers for 1987.

Seattle finished last season like the Cannonball Express. speeding past Denver, the conference's eventual Super Bowl delegate, 41-16, in its last game. The Seahawks begin this season with a carryover, five-game winning streak. That is important propulsion. Cincinnati is capable of outscoring any opponent. Last season the Bengals, led by their exciting quarterback, Boomer Esiason, and their admirable running back, James Brooks, scored 409 points. Unfortunately, the defense allowed 394.

That's the major trouble with the AFC these days: defense. Check that. The major problem is lack of defense. Last January, the five National Conference teams that qualified for the playoffs allowed fewer than 300 points. The Chicago Bears surrendered just 187, the Super Bowl champion New York Giants 236, and Western Division champion San Francisco 247. Conversely, none of the five American Conference play-

The defending conference champion Broncos could repeat, but they seem to rely too much on the passing of John its two best teams may emerge from last year's group of Elway and their defense is aging at several key positions.

Kansas City, which made the playoffs for the first time in 15 years, seems in too fragile a situation. The Chiefs fired their coach, John Mackovic, after the playoffs and replaced him with their special teams' coach, Frank Gansz, a controversial and risky move. They also needed 11 touchdowns from a tough defense and their special teams to make it into the playoffs, something that isn't likely to occur again.

The Los Angeles Raiders are a good team in search of a

viable quarterback to lead them.

THE CENTRAL With Cincinnati, winning the Central Division is largely a matter of learning to master their Northern Ohio rival, Cleveland. The Bengals beat the Browns in Cleveland, 30-13, early in the season, then were destroyed by the Browns, 34-3, in a December game in Riverfront Stadium. The Bengals have been drafting defensive replacements for the last three seasons and this should be the year that that strategy pays dividends. The Browns have the balance to make this one of the most exciting races of the NFL season.

THE EAST New England should prevail again in the Eastern Division, mostly because of the Patriots' overall talent and balance. New England won last year when its running game went on sabbatical, something that the front office appeared to remedy last spring by trading with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for veteran offensive lineman Sean Farrell.

Miami is in a state of repair. The Dolphins' running game depends mostly upon the continued development of Lorenzo Hampton. The defense desperately needs Hugh Green, the quick linebacker, to make a full recovery from the

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PREDICTIONS	CENTRAL	EAST Patriots
1. Seattle Seahawks 2. Denver Broncos 3. Los Angeles Raiders 4. Kansas City Chicagos	Cincinnati Bengals Cleveland Browns Pittsburgh Steelers Houston Oilers	New York Jets Buffalo Bills Indianapolis Colts Denver Broncos

off teams allowed fewer than 300 points. The New York Jets permitted 386. New England had the best mark, allowing 307 points. The Broncos' yield of 39 points to the Giants in the Super Bowl was no shock. In their final three regular-season games, the Broncos gave up 37 points to Kansas City, 30 to Washington, and 41 to Seattle.

Defense and running, according to NFL tradition, are what produce winners. The AFC doesn't do very well running the ball, either. Of the top six rushing teams in the NFL in 1986, four were from the National Conference. The only AFC teams to finish in the top six were Seattle and Cincinnati. There were eight 1,000-yard rushers in the league last year, six of them from the NFC. The only American Conference ball carriers in that group were Curt Warner of Seattle (No. 3) and James Brooks of Cincinnati (No. 8)

THE WEST That is what makes Seattle appear so attractive in the competitive Western Division of the AFC. The Seahawks allowed fewer points than any team in the conference (293), they run the ball very well with Warner, they have a solid passing game, and they are directed by one of the NFL's finest coaches, Chuck Knox. His next victory will be No. 131 for Knox, putting him one ahead of his mentor, Hall of Famer Weeb Ewbank, in the career rankings.

knee injury which knocked him out of play at midseason. As long as Dan Marino is available, however, Miami will at least be a contender.

The New York Jets, who appeared ready to overwhelm the division early last year, need too many recoveries from too many injuries and a rebuilding of their defense.

Here are some of the key men in the AFC for this season.

New York: defensive coordinator Bud Carson, who needs some sort of miracle for a unit that creaks with age and hobbles with various hurts

Cleveland: rookie linebacker Mike Junkin, who was selected after the Browns traded Pro Bowl linebacker Chip Banks to San Diego in order to move up in the draft

Los Angeles Raiders: whoever wins the quarterback job Miami: Tom Olivadotti, the man Don Shula hired last winter in the latest episode of the search to replace the long-depart-

ed defensive guru Bill Arnsparger

Pittsburgh: defensive coordinator Tony Dungy, who was virtually awarded the Steelers' draft since six of the first seven picks were defenders. If he can make his reputation with the group, Dungy could go on to become the first black head

Indianapolis: Ron Meyer, the head coach who won all three of the games he coached after he took over the Colts late in the season

Buffalo: Ted Marchibroda, the former Baltimore Colts' head coach who was hired as the Bills' passing-game coordinator to get the sort of results from Jim Kelly that he once got from Bert Jones

San Diego: Chip Banks, as temperamental as he is talented, to bring the one needed piece to an improving defense

New England: Sean Farrell, to give the offensive line the sort of leadership John Hannah used to instill

Houston: Kim Helton, the new offensive line coach, who will work with talent that hasn't played up to its reputation

Denver: Dan Reeves, the head coach, who has to find a way to put more balance in the attack

Kansas City: Frank Gansz, since the appearance is that the inmates may be running the Chiefs' asylum

Cincinnati: running back James Brooks, who has to repeat

Seattle: quarterback Dave Krieg, who can't afford another month-long slump like the one that marred an otherwise fine season in 1986

The AFC is attempting to learn a hard lesson taught it by the older National Conference. The NFC won five of the last six Super Bowls (the Raiders were the only AFC team to interrupt the streak), and the consistent theme was defense and running. When the AFC teams went to the last draft, their priorities, for the most part, were defense and running. Of the 15 first-round draft choices held by AFC teams (Houston had two), 12 of them were used to draft either run-oriented or defensive players. The final tally was seven for defense, five for the running game.

Cleveland took Junkin, Indianapolis drafted Alabama linebacker Cornelius Bennett, Buffalo selected Penn State linebacker Shane Conlan. The other defensive picks: Brigham Young defensive end Jason Buck by Cincinnati, Boston College defensive end John Bosa by Miami, Purdue defensive back Rod Woodson by Pittsburgh and Pitt linebacker Tony Woods by Seattle. Houston selected Miami running back Alonzo Highsmith and the Jets' choice was Texas A&M fullback Roger Vick. The other choices: Louisville guard Bruce Armstrong by New England, Missouri tackle John Clay by the

Seattle allowed fewer points than any team in the AFC last

year. That strong defense and the conference's leading rusher, Curt

Warner (#28), should propel the Seahawks over the top

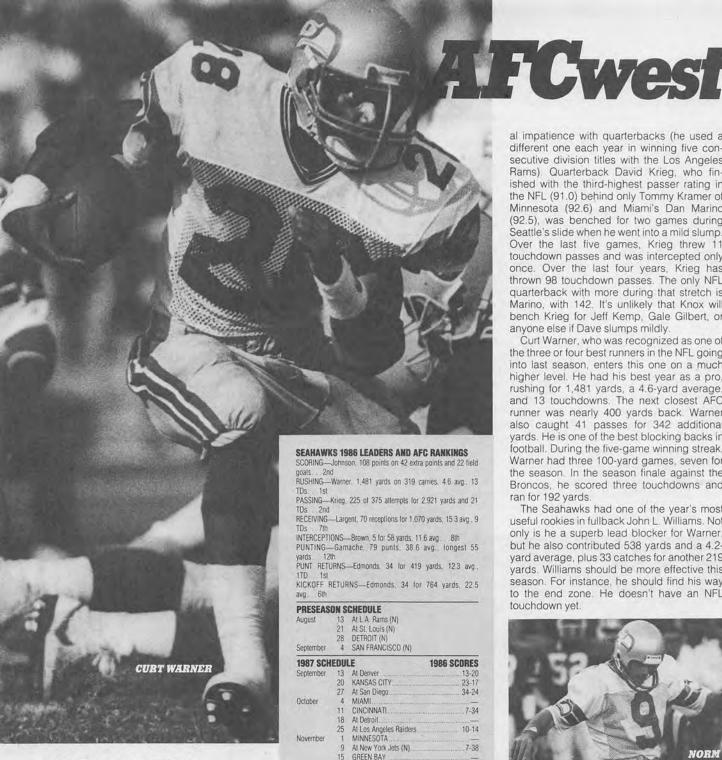
Raiders, and Temple running back Paul Palmer by Kansas City. The only so-called skilled players taken by AFC teams in the first round were Florida wide receiver Ricky Nattiel by Denver, Texas A&M tight end Rod Bernstine by San Diego, and North Carolina State receiver Haywood Jeffires by the Oilers with their second pick.

Why shouldn't the AFC go the defense/running route? Most of the guarterbacks selected in the Great Passer Draft of 1983 have matured. There are eight teams with solid situations at quarterback. Dan Marino got Miami to a Super Bowl. Elway did the same for Denver and Tony Eason for New England. The New York Jets now have an explosive offense, thanks to the development of Ken O'Brien. Boomer Esiason is one of the most dangerous passers in the league for Cincinnati. Bernie Kosar delivered ahead of schedule for Cleveland. Dave Krieg is productive in Seattle.

The only brand-new coach in the AFC this year is Gansz, who will be a head man for the first time at any level. Three coaches will be starting their first full, they hope, seasons after assuming command during the course of the '86 campaign. Al Saunders took over from Don Corvell at San Diego for the last eight games, Meyer replaced Rod Dowhower with three games to go for Indianapolis, and Marv Levy assumed command from Hank Bullough with seven games to play. Saunders's record was 3-5, Meyer's 3-0, and Levy's 2-5. Some of the individual leaders for 1987 could be:

- Rushing: Curt Warner, Seattle
- Passing: Dan Marino, Miami
- Receiving: Steve Largent, Seattle
- Defensive rookie of the year: linebacker Cornelius Bennett, Indianapolis
- Offensive rookie of the year: fullback Alonzo Highsmith, Houston
 - Most valuable player: Curt Warner, Seattle
 - Coach of the year: Chuck Knox, Seattle





SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Not only were the Seahawks the best team not to qualify for the last playoffs, but also, by the final week of the season, they may have been the worthiest of playing in the Super Bowl. The evidence is the result of the last game between Seattle and the eventual AFC delegate to the Super Bowl, the Denver Broncos: Seahawks 41, Broncos 16. Seattle won its last five games, a string that included a 37-0 shutout of the Los Angeles Raiders and a 31-14 pasting of the Cowboys in Dallas on Thanksgiving Day. Only a four-game losing streak that immediately preceded the winning streak kept the Seahawks out of postseason play.

"We would like to pick up where we left off last season," says coach Chuck Knox ruefully. Knox and his staff, among the most skilled in the NFL, were responsible for much of the team's success in 1986, when the Seahawks played the most difficult schedule in the NFL and still managed a 10-6 record. Over the giddy last five games, the offense, under new coordinator Steve Moore, averaged 33.4 points. The defense, under the direction of the astute Tom Catlin, gave up an average of just 14.8 points in that same stretch.

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At Kansas City

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Yet Knox also has to shoulder some of the blame for the losing streak that took Seattle out of contention. It has to do with his traditional impatience with guarterbacks (he used a different one each year in winning five consecutive division titles with the Los Angeles Rams). Quarterback David Krieg, who finished with the third-highest passer rating in the NFL (91.0) behind only Tommy Kramer of Minnesota (92.6) and Miami's Dan Marino (92.5), was benched for two games during Seattle's slide when he went into a mild slump. Over the last five games, Krieg threw 11 touchdown passes and was intercepted only once. Over the last four years, Krieg has thrown 98 touchdown passes. The only NFL quarterback with more during that stretch is Marino, with 142. It's unlikely that Knox will bench Krieg for Jeff Kemp, Gale Gilbert, or anyone else if Dave slumps mildly.

Curt Warner, who was recognized as one of the three or four best runners in the NFL going into last season, enters this one on a much higher level. He had his best year as a pro. rushing for 1,481 yards, a 4.6-yard average, and 13 touchdowns. The next closest AFC runner was nearly 400 yards back. Warner also caught 41 passes for 342 additional yards. He is one of the best blocking backs in football. During the five-game winning streak, Warner had three 100-yard games, seven for the season. In the season finale against the Broncos, he scored three touchdowns and ran for 192 yards.

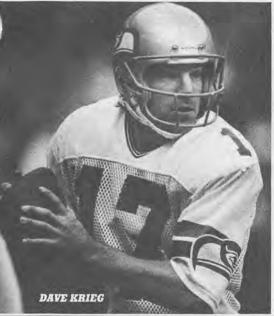
The Seahawks had one of the year's most useful rookies in fullback John L. Williams. Not only is he a superb lead blocker for Warner. but he also contributed 538 yards and a 4.2yard average, plus 33 catches for another 219 yards. Williams should be more effective this season. For instance, he should find his way to the end zone. He doesn't have an NFL touchdown yet.

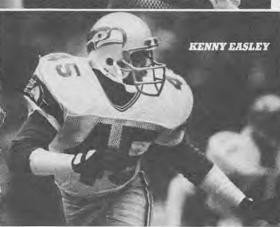


Williams isn't the only Seahawk with personal incentives confronting him. Wide receiver Steve Largent can become the all-time leading wide receiver in the history of professional football. He needs just 57 catches for 1,018 yards to reach the top in both categories. The 57 are well under his average (63) for 11 seasons. It's routine for him to enjoy a 1,000-yard season. Last season he caught 70 passes for 1,070 yards and nine touchdowns.

If Largent is Krieg's security blanket, Daryl Turner is the quarterback's high-risk collaborator. Turner has averaged 10 touchdowns a season over the last three years. He caught only 18 passes a year ago, but seven of them produced scores and his per-catch average was 18.6 yards. There are two other distance receivers: ex-Colt Ray Butler caught four touchdown passes among his 19 receptions and averaged 18.5 yards; Byron Franklin caught 33 passes for a 16.6-yard average and two TDs. The Seahawks get by with a hybrid at tight end. Mike Tice caught 15 passes and Gordon Hudson 13.

The offensive line was reordered in 1986 and played under a relatively new coach, Kent Stephenson, but its production was amazing. Both tackles were new. Mike Wilson was obtained in a trade with Cincinnati; Ron Mattes, a defensive end at the University of Virginia, was converted to offensive tackle and flourished. Bryan Millard became the starting right guard. Edwin Bailey, the left guard, was the only incumbent starter who





remained in his position for most of the year. Blair Bush, the long-time center, suffered a knee injury halfway through the season, so Will Grant, who played for Knox in Buffalo, was the starting center during the winning streak. The two will fight it out in training camp.

The significant statistic defensively was that the Seahawks ranked No. 1 in the NFL in scoring defense. They were not hypnotized by the fast finish, however. The first two draft choices were linebackers: Tony Woods of Pitt and Dave Wyman of Stanford. "We got a physical football player who has the size and speed we're looking for," says Knox of Woods. "We'll put him at right outside linebacker and use him in some pass-rush situations." Wyman, an inside backer, will break in with specialty work. So will the third pick, safety Mark Moore.

What the Seahawk defense needs most is a comeback by its all-pro strong safety, Kenny Easley, the unit's best player, who missed the final five games due to ankle surgery. Easley is the disrupter of the defense, crashing into running plays, intimidating receivers, and generally making himself a nuisance. The Seahawks have a good backup in Paul Moyer, who started against the Super Bowl champion New York Giants and contributed 10 tackles, a sack, and an interception. Eugene Robinson became the surprise starter at free safety and finished with 99 tackles, second on the team. Dave Brown, starting his 13th pro season, is at one corner with Terry Taylor at the other. Kerry Justin and Greggory Johnson, who returned after working in the USFL, provide depth.

End Jacob Green led the team with 12½ sacks and made the Pro Bowl for the first time. Jeff Bryant is the other end. There is a battle for the starting job at nose tackle between one-time Pro Bowler Joe Nash and ex-Raider Reggie Kinlaw. Kinlaw may be better against the run, but Nash had five sacks, tied for third on the team.

Linebacker Fredd Young made the Pro Bowl for the third time but the first as a linebacker. He was selected as special teams' commando before then. Young led the Sea-



hawks in tackles with 121 and was second in sacks with six. He lines up on the inside with Keith Butler. Greg Gaines is the right outside linebacker and Bruce Scholtz has to fight off Woods on the left side.

Rookie Bobby Joe Edmunds made the Pro Bowl after leading the AFC in punt returns with 12.3-yard average on 34 carries, including one for a touchdown. He was also sixth in the conference in kickoff returns with a 22.5-yard average. Kicker Norm Johnson connected five times in seven tries from the 50-yard line or beyond, while kicking 22 of 35 overall. The Seahawks drafted a punter, Ruben Rodriguez of Arizona, on the fifth round.

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	Davis, Tony	C	0-3	200			Missouri
45	Easley, Kenny				28		UCLA
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00	Turner, Daryl	WH	0-3	194	20	4	Michigan State
69	Walker, Byron	WH	0-4	186	2/	5	Citadel
26	warner, Gurl	HR	5-11	204	26	4	Penn State
32	Taylor, Terry Tice, Mike Turner, Daryl Walker, Byron Warner, Curl Williams, John L Wilson, Mike	18	5-11	226	23	2	Florida
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50	Young, Fredd	LB	6-1	233	26	4	New Mexico St.

DRAFTEES							
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1	Woods, Tony	DE	6-4	244	Pittsburgh		
2	Wyman, David	LB	6-2	229	Stanford		
4	Moore, Mark	DB	6-0	194	Okiahoma St.		
5	Agee, Tommie	. RB	5-11	211	Auburn		
5	Rodriguez, Ruben	P	6-2	220	Arizona		
7	Barbay, Roland	DT	6-4	260	LSU		
7	Tennell, Derek	TE	6-5	245	UCLA		
8	Garza, Sammy	DB	6-1	184	UTEP		
9	Johnson, M.L.	LB	6-3	220	Hawaii		
10	Clark, Louis	TE	6-0	206	Mississippi St		
11	Oliver, Darryl		5-11	195	Miami		
12	Dove. Wes		6-7	270	Syracuse		
12	Burse, Tony	RB	6-0	220	Middle Tenn. St		

DENVER BRONCOS

Hidden in the Rockies as they are, the Broncos seem to sneak up on the rest of the NFL each year. That, however, is the rest of the NFL's fault, not Denver's. There was no sneaking up a year ago. The Broncs won the AFC West in hand-to-hand combat. The secondand third-place teams in the division each won 10 games. Denver made its way through the playoffs with clutch plays to beat good teams. It isn't sneaking up when a team wins 10 games seven times in the last 10 years, as Denver has. Only Dallas and Miami can make the same claim.

There will be no sneaking up this year. The rest of the NFL will be ready for the AFC champions. Whatever the Broncos gain won't come easily. "We accomplished a great deal last year," said coach Dan Reeves, "but we have to accomplish a great deal more." It is never easy for the Broncos in one of the most competitive divisions in football. Denver swept only one Western opponent, the Los Angeles Raiders, but still won the division by splitting with Seattle, Kansas City, and San Diego.

Bronco followers should know what to expect soon enough this season. Denver meets ambitious Seattle in its opener. The second opponent is Cleveland, Denver's victim in the AFC title game, on a Monday night. The revenge-minded Raiders and Kansas City also will be met within the first six weeks.

This will be the fifth season as the starting quarterback for John Elway. He is approaching the top of his game, so don't be surprised if the Broncos start firing away in the Miami manner. Elway passed for 3,485 yards and 19



touchdowns, modest figures by Dan Marino's standards, but those numbers could inflate in 1987. For one thing, Mark Jackson, who caught the tying touchdown pass in the overtime victory over the Browns, has reached the point where he will push long-time starter Steve Watson. Vance Johnson is nearing the star level as the other wide receiver. Fullback Gerald Willhite was the most productive receiver coming out of the backfield in Denver history. Consider also Denver's record when it

RULON JONES BRONCOS 1986 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS SCORING-Karlis, 104 points on 44 extra points and 20 field RUSHING-Winder, 789 yards on 240 carries, 3.3 avg., 9 scored 20 points or more last year: 13-1. The

only loss was the 39-20 Super Bowl defeat by the New York Giants. The evidence seems to be obvious. When the Broncos unleash Elway and open up the offense, it takes a champion

Reeves himself concedes that the ingredients for an outstanding running attack aren't there yet. "We have quality running backs," he says, "but we don't have the outstanding running backs that some teams have." As for the parallels to Miami's high-powered offense, Denver has competent running, which the Dolphins don't often possess. Denver's defense does something Miami's rarely brings off: it gets the ball back for the offense.

Elway could open up the passing game with the confidence that he can balance things with his running attack and that his defense can recapture the ball if something does go wrong. The proof that the Broncos could expand their passing horizons may lie in Elway's statistics in two games against the

PASSING-Elway, 280 of 504 attempts for 3,485 yards and 19 RECEIVING-Willhite, 64 receptions for 529 yards, 8.3 avg., 3 INTERCEPTIONS-Harden, 6 for 179 yards, 29.8 avg., 2 PUNTING-Weil, 34 punts, 39.5 avg., longest 55 yards PUNT RETURNS-Willhite, 42 for 468 yards, 11.1 avg., 1 KICKOFF RETURNS-Bell, 23 for 531 yards, 23.1 avg. . 4th

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	24	MIAMI (N)
	29	Al L.A. Rams (N)
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1987 SCH	EDU	LE	1986 SCORES
September	13	SEATTLE	20-13
	20	vs. Green Bay (Milw)	
	28	At Cleveland (N)	
October		HOUSTON	
	12	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS (N	1)
	18	At Kansas City	10-37
	25	At Minnesota	-
November	1	DETROIT	
	8		
	16	CHICAGO (N)	
	22	At Los Angeles Raiders	21-10
	29	At San Diego	31-14
December	6	NEW ENGLAND	27-20

KANSAS CITY

SAN DIEGO

Giants, as ferocious a defensive team as there is in the NFL. In those two games, Elway passed for 640 yards.

Remaining with the status quo can be deadly in the AFC West, especially since Denver's defense is showing some age at vital positions. So, with their first-round pick this spring, the Broncos chose Ricky Nattiel, the Florida State wide receiver who was the fastest man at his position in the entire draft. Nattiel is a proven big-play producer. Tight end Orson Mobley, the high-rise that moves like a man, was the surprise find of the 1986 season. The 6-6, 256-pounder from tiny Salem (WV) College averaged 15.1-yards on his 22 catches, all of which occurred in the last nine games. He became a particularly valuable player after Clarence Kay, the starter for most of the season, left the team to undergo drug rehabilitation

The offensive line may not be up to the standards of the rest of the Denver team, but it is fairly consistent and dependable. Left quard Keith Bishop, the outstanding member, made the Pro Bowl last year. Reeves likes his center, Bill Bryan, as well as any in the NFL. Right tackle Ken Lanier, says Reeves, "does not have the peaks and valleys he had in other years." Right guard Mark Cooper underwent offseason surgery and Dave Studdard may have to beat out soph Jim Juriga, who was pushing for a starting job when a knee injury knocked him out for the year.

Sammy Winder ran for 789 yards and scored nine touchdowns. Willhite averaged 4.3 yards on his 75 carries and scored five times. But that's the rub. Winder carried the ball 240 times. The Bronco running game is so predictable, that Winder gets the ball two out of three plays. Steve Sewell is more of a passreceiving threat than a runner.

The major change in the defense is the retirement of Tom Jackson, who won the Broncos' most inspirational player award for the sixth consecutive season. Ken Woodard, a six-year veteran, replaces Jackson, although the Broncos drafted linebackers on the third and fourth rounds: Michael Brooks of Louisiana State and Marc Munford of Nebraska. Brooks is a first-round talent, but the knee injury he suffered halfway through his senior year scared off many scouts.

The top linebacker is Karl Mecklenburg, who once again made the Pro Bowl after lining up at every linebacker and line position in the sophisticated schemes of defensive coordinator Joe Collier. Mecklenburg was second on the team in sacks with 91/2 and took part in 127 tackles. Ricky Hunley developed into a first-rate run-stopper. He had 18 tackles against the New York Jets and 16 against the New York Giants in Denver's regular-season meeting with the champs. Jim Ryan is steady at the left outside position. Reeves calls Hunley and Mecklenburg, "as good a pair of in-

Rulon Jones is the stud of the line. He set a Denver record with 131/2 sacks, had 96 tackles, was named to the Pro Bowl for a second straight year, and made the sack for a safety that preserved Denver's victory over New England in the playoffs. Andre Townsend, who succeeded the retired Barney Chavous at left end, played solidly. The one questionable spot is nose tackle, where Greg Kragen and Tony Colorito split the duty as successors to long-time star Rubin Carter. Freddie Gilbert, signed after the USFL went down, could de-

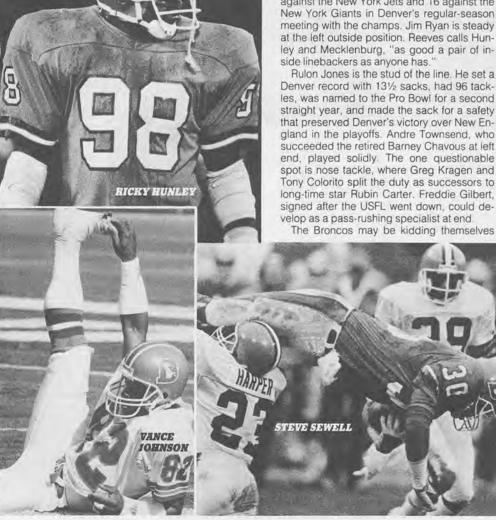
about veteran cornerback Louie Wright. He's 34 now, and even though he had a good year in '86, his age is a worry. The Broncos traded with the Giants for Mark Havnes a year ago. but he has been a disappointment. Dennis Smith made the Pro Bowl at strong safety, but the truth is that he was victimized for big plays a number of times late in the year. Tony Lilly will bid for Steve Foley's job at free safety.

Rick Karlis kicked 20 field goals in 28 attempts, but the ones he'll be remembered for are the two that he missed in the Super Bowl. The Broncos tried three punters until Reeves settled on Mike Horan. His 21 boots averaged 41.1 yards and eight of them were downed or went out of bounds within the 20-yard line. The Broncos' return game was strong. Willhite averaged 11.1 yards on punts and Ken Bell 23.1 and Gene Lang 22.9 on kickoffs.

BRONCOS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	w/	age	NFL exp	college
35	Bell, Ken		5-10			1	Boston College
54	Bishop, Keith	OL	6-3	265	30	6	Baylor
64	Bryan, Billy	. C	6-2	255	32	10	Duke
72	Cameron, Dallas	LB	6-2	242	23	1	Miami
69	Colorito, Tony	NT	6-5	260	23	1	Southern Cal
59	Comeaux, Darren	LB	6-1	227	27	5	Arizona State
63	Cooper, Mark .		6-5	267	27	4	Miami
55	Dennison, Rick		6-3	220		5	Colorado State
32	Dudek, Joe			. 181		1	Plymouth State
7	Elway, John			210		4	Stanford
73	Fletcher, Simon			240		2	Houston
43	Foley, Steve			190		11	Tulane
62	Freeman, Mike		6-3	256		2	Arizona
90	Gilbert, Freddie		6-4	275		1	Georgia
B5	Hackett, Joey		6-5	267		1	Elon College
	Hauten Miles	CD					
31	Harden, Mike Haynes, Mark	- CB	6-1	192		7	Michigan.
36	Haynes, Mark .	CR	5-11	195		7	Colorado
2	Horan, Mike		5-11	190		3	Long Beach St.
60	Howard, Paul		6-3	260		13	Brigham Young
98	Hunley, Ricky	LB	6-2	238		3	Arizona
80	Jackson, Mark	WR	5-9	174	24	1	Purdue
82	Johnson, Vance .	WR	5-11	174	24	2	Arizona
75	Jones, Rulon	. DE	6-6	260	29	7	Utah State
66	Juriga, Jim		6-6	269	22	1	Illinois
3	Karlis, Rich		6-0			.5	Cincinnati
88	Kay, Clarence		6-2	237		3	Georgia
97	Klostermann, Brud	e IR	6-4			1	So. Dakota State
71	Kragen, Greg			245		2	Utah State
8	Kuhiak Gany	OB.	6-0	192		4	Texas A & M
76	Kubiak, Gary Lanier, Ken	T	6-3	269		6	Florida State
33	Lang, Gene	DD	5-10	196		3	LSU
22			6-0	199		3	Florida
77	Lilly, Tony		6-3	230		4	
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B7	Micho, Bobby	. It	0-3	240		2	Texas
89	Mobley, Orson .		6-5	256		1	Salem College
74	Remsberg, Dan .		6-6	275		1	Abilene Christ.
48	Robbins, Randy	- S	6-2	189		3	Arizona
83	Rolle, Gary	. WR	5-11	174		1	Florida
50	Ryan, Jim	LB	6-1	218	30	8	William & Man
84	Sampson, Clint	. WR	5-11	183	26	4	San Diego St
30	Sewell, Steve	R8	6-3	210	24	2	Oklahoma
71	Short, Stan		6-4	269	23	1	Penn State
49	Smith, Dennis	S	6-3	200	28	6	Southern Cal
70	Studdard, Dave			260		8	Texas
61	Townsend, Andre			265		3	Mississippi
81	Watson, Sleve	. WR	6-4	195		8	Temple
47	Willhite, Gerald .		5-10			5	San Jose State
45			5-10				Howard
23							So. Mississipp
52	Woodard, Ken			218			Tuskegee
99	Woodard, Raymo			290		1	Texas
39	Wright, Louis						San Jose State
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1	Nattiel, Ricky WF	5-9	180	Florida
3	Brooks, Michael . LE	6-1	235	LSU
4	Munford, Marc LE	6-2	231	Nebraska
6	Marshall, Warren RE	6-0	216	Madison
7	Strozier, Wilbur OL	6-4	264	Georgia
8	Morgan, Dan 06	6-6	285	Penn State
9	Plummer, Bruce DE	6-1	197	Mississippi St
10	Wilkerson, Rafe LE	6-3	235	Richmond
11	Roberts, Steve DE	6-4	238	Washington
11	Neal, Tommy RE	5-10	210	Maryland
12	Braxton, Tyrone DE	5-11	174	N. Dakota St.





LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

The Raiders keep talking of their record for the last 10 to 15 years. Not a bad idea when you consider that the alternative would be to talk about 1986. Their 1987 season could be just as dismal.

It didn't seem that way heading into the stretch run last season. With a month to play, the Raiders appeared to have clinched a playoff berth. Three of their remaining four games were scheduled for the Los Angeles Coliseum. It seemed like a sure thing. But hapless Philadelphia nipped them in overtime. In the one road game, Seattle beat them, 37-0. They lost a must game to Kansas City. Then, in the ultimate insult, the Indianapolis Colts upset them in the final game. Most of the scars that marked that final gauntlet still haunt the Raiders: a penchant for giving away the ball, poor quarterbacking, malfunctions in the offensive line, and a failure to keep their opponents from scoring at critical times.

The name to remember for 1987 won't be Marcus Allen, Howie Long, Todd Christensen, or any of the Raiders' marvelous old pros. The name is Hilger, Rusty. He is the third-year quarterback from Oklahoma State, drafted almost as an afterthought on the sixth round in 1985. Hilger's passing line in 1986 was 38 attempts, 19 completions, 266 yards, 1 touchdown, 1 interception. Not the stuff to conjure up thoughts of Snake Stabler, Jim Plunkett, and Daryle Lamonica. But then the Raiders don't have much choice. The 40-year-old Plunkett isn't much more than a sideline tutor. Marc Wilson was an idea whose time never came. The Raiders may have to force feed Hilger, but they have pulled off wilder accomplishments in their history.

Not that all the Raiders' eggs will be in Rusty's basket. A trade is always possible. Major domo Al Davis explored the possibility of a deal for St. Louis's Neil Lomax, then rejected it. He admires Doug Williams, Washington's backup, and talked price with the Redskins. He worked out Ron Jaworski, the ex-Eagles' star. Then, in the draft, Steve Buerlein of Notre Dame was taken in the fourth round. Beuerlein has intriguing possibilities. He played under a different quarterback coach each of his four seasons with the Irish. There were times in college when he displayed the skills of a latent star. The Raiders might bring it out of him.

The development or uncovering of some sort of viable passer is vital to Davis because he has already geared up his receiving corps. He traded with Green Bay for the Packers' troubled star, James Lofton, and also signed Canadian League standout Mervyn Fernandez. Lofton is 31, but he was selected to seven Pro Bowl squads during his career with the Pack. Fernandez, drafted by Los Angeles in 1983. was the Canadian League's most valu-

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1987 SCH	EDU	LE	1986 SCORES
September	13	At Green Bay	
	20	DETROIT	
	27	At Houston	28-17
October	4		17-20
	12	At Denver (N)	36-38
	18		17-13
	25		14-10
November-	1		
	8	At Minnesota	
	15	At San Diego (N)	(OT) 37-31
	22		10-21
	30	At Seattle (N)	0-37
December	6		
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able player in 1985. During his years up north, he caught 370 passes for 6,405 yards and 55 touchdowns. Dokie Williams is on his way to becoming a star. He caught eight touchdown passes among 43 receptions and averaged 19.6 yards. Beyond statistics, he made one of the gutsiest plays of the year against Philadelphia when he ran almost the length of the field, fought off two blockers, and tackled an Eagle interceptor on the Raiders' 4-yard line. Philly went on to win the game, but Williams established himself as a team leader with that play. Jessie Hester averaged 27.5 yards on 23 catches, six of which were for touchdowns.

Rod Barksdale averaged 24.1 yards on 18 receptions, including two touchdowns. The foremost target remains perennial all-pro tight end Todd Christensen, who caught 95 passes in 1986, eight for scores. In his Raider career, Christensen has 399 catches for 5,019 yards and 39 TDs.

Allen, despite a serious ankle injury, was L.A.'s offensive pinwheel again. He carried the ball 208 times for 759 yards, caught 46 passes for 453 yards, and scored seven touchdowns in a year in which he was hobbled. The Raiders received a blow when the new Secretary of the Navy, James H. Webb Jr., ruled that Napoleon McCallum could no longer moonlight as a halfback in silver and black. McCallum gained 536 yards as Allen's backup and also returned kickoffs and punts. The Raiders drafted Penn State fullback Steve Smith on the third round, insurance for Frank Hawkins, who played hurt a year ago. The situation is desperate, Davis used a lateround pick on Bo Jackson, on the wild chance that the Kansas City Royals would allow their top young player to perform on the football field during the offseason. The Raiders can't afford another serious injury to Allen.

The age problem in the offensive line was addressed by using the first two draft picks on huge tackles, John Clay of Missouri and Bruce Wilkerson of Tennessee. Clay, who plays at more than 300 pounds, is in the Raider tradition of powerful, massive drive blockers. Wilkerson is more of a project, but L.A. is noted for its patience with young offensive linemen. The only veterans who started every game last year were Bruce Davis at left tackle and Mickey Marvin at right guard. The top player, however, is center Don Mosebar, who made the Pro Bowl, maintaining the previous tradition of Raider centers Jim Otto and Dave Dalby. Chris Riehm, who finished as the starting left guard, must battle veterans Curt Marsh and Charley Hannah to keep his position. Henry Lawrence, who lost his right tackle job, gives it another try against Shelby Jordan.

The Raiders led the conference in defense, so there isn't much worry there. The line generated 46 of the 63 sacks. The three-man front has Howie Long and Sean Jones at the ends with Bill Pickel at nose tackle. Jones was the top sacker in the AFC with 151/2. Pickel has been in double-figure sacks in the last two years. Long, arguably, may be the best defensive lineman in the conference. When the Raiders use their four-man fronts, another good pass rusher, Greg Townsend, is brought in. Bob Buczkowski, the team's surprise firstround draft choice last year, will make his delayed debut. Mike Wise, who missed 10 games of his rookie season due to injury, is another possibility.

The linebacking is stable. Rod Martin and Jerry Robinson on the outside and Matt Millen and Reggie McKenzie inside started every game. Martin had five sacks. McKenzie led the team in tackles. Millen played more effectively when he lost some weight. Jeff Barnes doesn't start, but he remains one of the league's top special-teams' performers.

If there is a worry spot on defense it is the age of three of the backfield starters. Cornerback Mike Haynes is 34, although he made the Pro Bowl again. The other corner, Lester Hayes, is 32. So is strong safety Mike Davis. The only young regular is free safety Vann McElroy, 27. Sam Seale started five games when either Hayes or Haynes was injured. The Raiders traded for St. Louis's Lionel Washing-

RUSTY HILGER

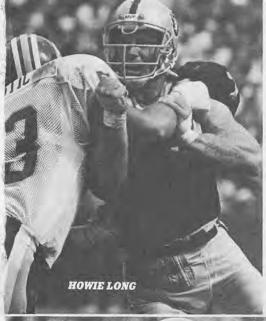
ton during the winter. Stacey Toran started every game when Davis was injured. Brad Cochran, a third-round draftee a year ago, missed the entire season and may figure as a future corner.

Place-kicker Chris Bahr, who had 21 field goals in 28 tries, and punter Ray Guy keep those departments steady if unspectacular. Fulton Walker and Stefon Adams are skilled kick returners.

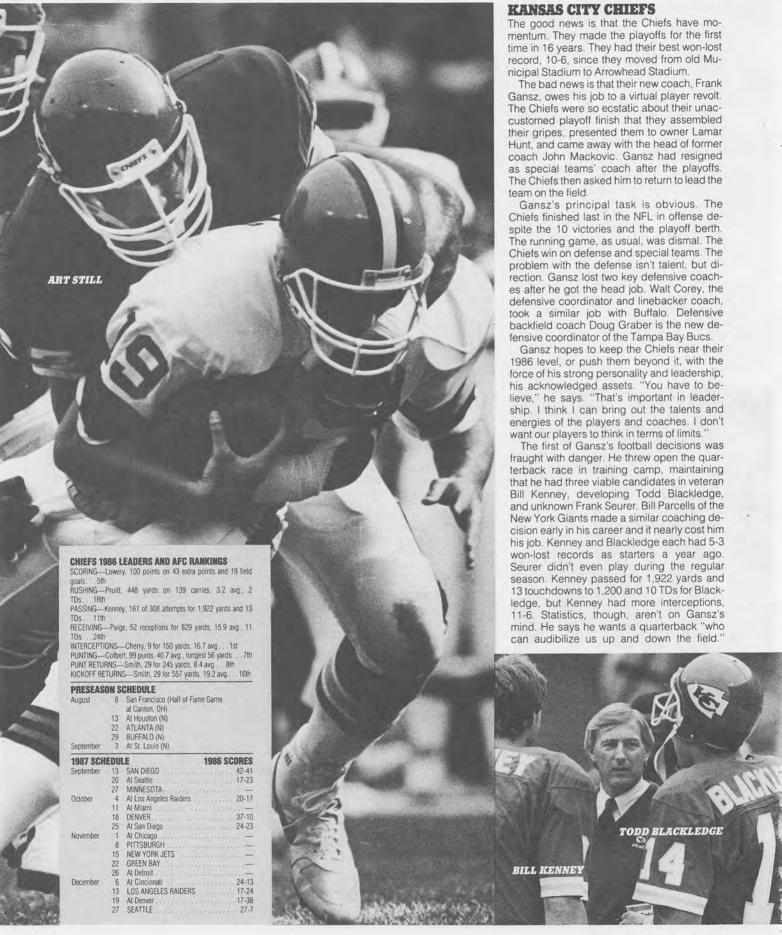
RAIDERS VETERAN ROSTER

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	Adams, Stefon						East Carolina
	Allen, Marcus			205		6	Southern Cal
0	Bahr, Chris	··K	5-10	170	34	12	Penn State
88	Barksdale, Rod	WR	6-1	180			Arizona
90	Barnes, Jen	. LB	D-5	230	32		California
	Buczkowski, Bob.			270		1	
16	Christensen, Todd			230			Brigham Young
38	Cochran, Brad	CB	6-3	200		1	Michigan
9	Davis, Bruce	T	6-6	280	31	8	UCLA
15	Davis, James Davis, Mike Fernandez, M	CB	6-0	190	30	6	Southern
56	Davis, Mike	5	6-3	200	31	9	Colorado
50	Fernandez, M.	WR	6-3	205	28	1	San Jose St.
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8	Guy, Ray	P	6-3				Southern Miss.
73	Hannah, Charley .	. 6	6-5	265		11.	Alabama
27	Hawkins, Frank	. RB	5-9	210		7	Nevada-Reno
37	Hayes, Lester	CR	b-U	200	31	11	Texas A&M
2	Haynes, Mike Hester, Jessie Hilger, Rusty	CB	6-0	190	34	12	Arizona State
34	Hester, Jessie	WR	5-11	170	24		Florida State
2	Hilger, Husty	GR.	6-4	210	25		Oklahoma St.
31	Jensen, Derrick	. It	0-1	215	31		Arlington
19	Jones, Sean	DE	6-/	265	25		Northeastern
4	Jordan, Shelby	11	6-7	280		11	Wash, (M0)
17	Junkin, Trey	.TE	6-2	225	26	5	Louisiana Tech
9	Kimmel, Jamie	. LB	6-3	235		2	Syracuse
33	King, Kenny King, Linden	RB	5-11	205			Oklahoma
2	King, Linden	LB	6-4	245			Colorado St.
0	Lawrence, Henry .	T	6-4	270			Florida A&M
1	Lewis, Bill	C	6-7	275		2	Nebraska
	Lolton, James	WR	6-3	197			Stanford
5	Long, Hawie	.DE	6-5	270		7	Villanova
1	Luther, Ed	QB	6-2	205			
06	Marsh, Gurt	- 6	D-0	270	28		Washington
3	Martin, Rod	. LB	6-2	225	33	11	Southern Cal
55	Marvin, Mickey	- G	6-4	265	32	11	Tennessee
7	Mathison, Bruce	QB	6-3	210	28	4	Nebraska
34	McCallum, N	.RB	6-2	215	24	. 2	Naval Acad.
19	McCloskey, Mike	. TE	6-6	240			Penn State
26	McElroy, Vann	5	6-0	195	27	6	Baylor
54	McKenzie, Reggie	, LB	6-1	240	24	3	Tennessee
	McKinney, Odis .						Colorado
5	Millen, Matt	. LB	6-2	245	29		Penn State
54	Miraldi, Dean Moffett, Tim Mosebar, Don	T	6-5	285			Utah
33	Moffett, Tim	WR	6-2	180	25		Mississippi
2	Mosebar, Don	. C	6-6	275	26		Southern Cal
1	Minerier, Aguce	.no	0-0	210	23	2	Occidental
1	Parker, Andy	. TE	6-5			4	Utah
9	Pattison, Mark	WR	6-2	190			Washington
1	Pickel, Bill	.DT	6-5	260		5	Rutgers
6	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-2	220		17	Stanford
8	Reinke, Jeff	G	6-5	275		1	Mankato State
7	Riehm, Chris	. G	6-6	275		- 2	Ohio State
7	Robinson, Jerry .	. LB	6-2	225		9	UCLA
9	Russell, Rusty			275		2	South Carolina
3	Seale, Sam	CB	5-9	180			Western St.
9	Strachan, Steve	RB	6-1	215	24	3	Boston College
0	Toran, Stacey Townsend, Greg	S	6-2				Notre Dame
3	Townsend, Greg	DE	6-3	250	26	5	TCU
1	walker, Fullon	2	2-11	195	29	7	West Virginia
	Washington, Lione	1 CB	6-0	180	27	5	Tulane
7	Wheeler, Dwight .	.OL	6-3	285	32	7	Tenn. St.
15	Williams, Dokie Willis, Mitch	WR	5-11	180	27	5	UGLA
18	Willis, Mitch	.DT	6-8	275	25	3	SMU
6	Wilson, Marc Wise, Mike	QB	6-6	205	30	8	Brigham Young
10	Wien Mike	DF	6-6	260	23	2	Cal-Davis

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rd	name pos	ht	wt	college			
1	Clay, John OT	6-5	298	Missouri			
2	Wilkerson, Bruce OT	6-5	272	Tennessee			
3	Smith, Steve RB	6-1	232	Penn State			
4	Beuertein, Steve QB	6-3	201	Notre Dame			
7	Jackson, BoRB	6-1	222	Auburn			
9	Eccles, Scott TE	6-4	226	E. New Mexico			
10	Harrison, Rob RB	6-1	217	Sacramento St			
10	Gesek, John OT	6-4	277	Sacramento St			
10	Ellis, Jim LB	6-1	235	Boise State			
11	McLemore, Chris RB	6-0	226	Arizona			
11	Perry, Mario TE	6-4	222	Mississippi			







Blackledge's main trouble may be that he was Mackovic's personal draft pick and protégé.

Gansz took the Chiefs in a different direction in the college draft. For the fourth consecutive season, Kansas City was either last or next-to-last in NFL ground-gaining. The Chiefs have played a one-note offensive tune for a long time. So they drafted Mutt and Jeff in the first two rounds last spring: 5-9, 186-pound running back Paul Palmer of Temple and 6-2, 250-pound Nigerian strong man Christian Okoye of Azusa Pacific. Palmer has been compared to James Brooks of Cincinnati, an all-purpose, scatback type of runner who catches the ball out of the backfield. Okove scored four touchdowns in the Senior Bowl, an indication he could thrive in high-level competition. He has negatives, however. He is 26 years old, doesn't catch well, and fumbles a lot. Kansas City's leading rusher last year was veteran Mike Pruitt, who had 448 yards. Boyce Green, like Pruitt a Cleveland castoff, was second with 314 yards.

Even if the running attack is improved with the injection of fresh talent, the Chiefs can't afford to abandon their passing game. They still have some dangerous receivers. Stephone Paige had 11 touchdowns last year, 52 catches overall for a 15.9-yard average. Carlos Carson missed nearly half the season due to leg injuries but still averaged 23.7 yards on his 21 catches, four of which produced touchdowns. Henry Marshall caught 46 passes.

One of Gansz's principal jobs this season is to sort out a starting tight end from among Walt Arnold, Jonathon Hayes, and ex-Packer Paul Coffman. Which brings up the most interesting portion of the offense, the Chiefs' offensive line. "We're definitely going to build on the ability of the offensive linemen," says Gansz. "I want to have the finest offensive line in the National Football League." So why can't all of that ability knock defenders off the line of

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scrimmage to spring a back occasionally? And what about the pass blocking? The Chiefs were equal-opportunity sieves last season. They allowed Kenney and Blackledge to be sacked 25 times apiece. Almost all the linemen have outstanding pedigrees. Brad Budde and Brian Jozwiak were first-round draft choices. Dave Lutz, the big tackle, was a second-rounder. John Alt, another tackle, was a first-rounder. Irv Eatman and Mark Adickes were USFL all-stars. But center Rick Donnalley, cast off by the Washington Redskins, was the most consistent lineman K.C. had.

Defensively, the picture brightens. End Art Still and nose tackle Bill Maas are all-pros. Maas had seven sacks, 54 tackles, forced two fumbles and recovered two more while clogging up the middle. Still had a team-leading 10½ sacks and 95 tackles. He has averaged more than 100 tackles a season for his career. Now Mike Bell returns from a stretch in jail (on a drug charge) to challenge Pete Koch for the other end position. Of the team's 44 sacks in '86, 23 were recorded by the line.

Two rookies started at linebacker last year. Dino Hackett was the man on the inside with 140 tackles, the most for a Chief in five years. Tim Cofield started on the outside and provided the ferocious blitzing to highlight the pass rush. He forced four fumbles and recorded five sacks. Scott Radecic is the other inside linebacker and now rookie Todd Howard of Texas A&M challenges Ken McAlister and Louis Cooper for a starting job on the outside.



The Chiefs may have the best secondary in the NFL. Kansas City has more interceptions, 118, in the last four years than any team. The starters produced two Pro Bowlers, free safety Deron Cherry and strong safety Lloyd Burruss, as well as the team's MVP, cornerback Albert Lewis. The other corner, Kevin Ross, plays up to their high standards. Cherry led the AFC with nine interceptions. Of Burruss's five steals, three were returned for touchdowns.

The defense accounted for six touchdowns and the special teams five on the Chiefs' march to a playoff berth. Using a number of starters on the special teams—Cherry scored two special-teams' TDs, Burruss and Ross one each—Gansz engineered 10 blocked kicks and two fumble recoveries. Nick Lowery kicked 19 field goals in 26 tries and Lewis Colbert placed 23 punts inside the 20. Green averaged 25.4 yards on kickoff returns. Ed Beckman replaces Gansz as special teams' coach. It will be a tough act to follow.

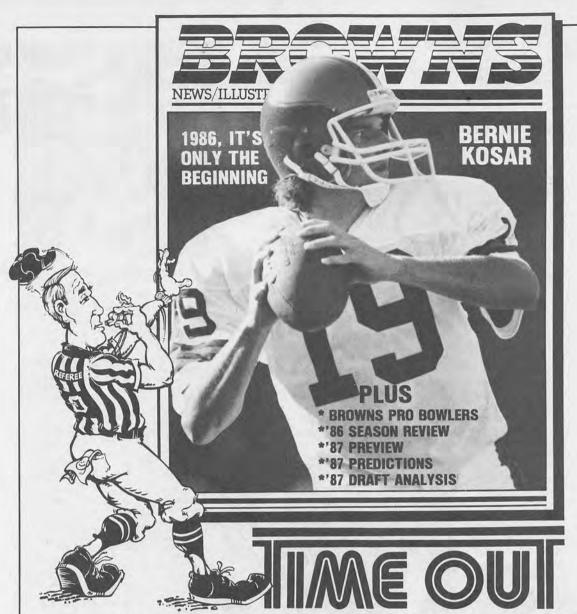


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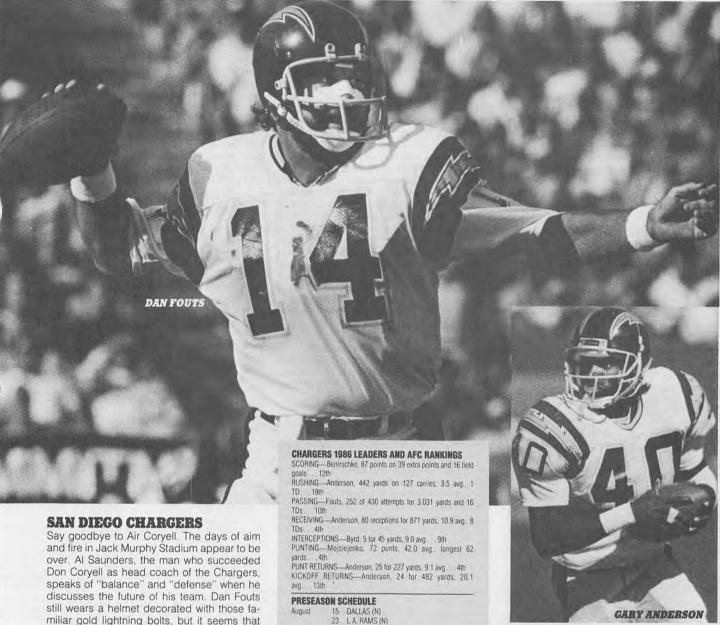
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miliar gold lightning bolts, but it seems that Fouts is closer to eventual induction into the pro football Hall of Fame than he is to another

4.000-vard season.

The changing of the guard at quarterback appears to be only a matter of time. Mark Herrmann and Tom Flick both received some playing time in 1986, and the Chargers were interested in dealing for Neil Lomax of St. Louis in the spring. The injuries are coming more frequently for Fouts, too. He suffered a concussion and a broken nose last year, forcing him to miss four games. The Chargers may be able to get by with Fouts for another year, provided Saunders is willing. After all, the 15year veteran did pass for 3,031 yards and 16 touchdowns a year ago, although he suffered 22 interceptions.

The Chargers are geared to a shorter-range passing game now. Kellen Winslow, their great tight end, returned from a serious knee injury that might have ended his career, but he is no longer the deep threat he once was. The Chargers used their No. 1 draft pick to add another tight end, Rod Bernstine of Texas A&M. Last year's leading receiver was a back,

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Gary Anderson, who caught 80 passes. All that points to a controlled passing game. With Charlie Joiner retired, Wes Chandler is the only long-distance receiver prominent in San Diego's plans.

The changing of the Chargers is a joint project of Saunders, who took over the team when it was mired in a seven-game losing streak after an opening-game victory last year, and Steve Ortmayer, the new director of football operations. He had spent eight years with the Raiders and is schooled in their way of administering a football team, which isn't bad. The Saunders' way manifested itself in the second half of last season. The Chargers' time of possession increased by 21/2 minutes a game, their success on third down increased from 37 to 47 percent, they had nine fewer turnovers, and the pass-completion percentage went from 53.6 to 59.4 percent. The wonlost record showed a modest improvement. from 1-7 to 3-5. Three of the losses in the second half of the season were by a margin of six points or fewer

Ironically, San Diego's best chance for improvement is with its defense, which has been comically inept for years. But last season the Chargers actually finished ahead of four other AFC teams in total defense. They were third in the conference against the run. Maybe years of drafting to fortify the defense is about to pay off. For instance, the Chargers now attack opposing passers with ferocious enthusiasm.

Defensive end Lee Williams had 15 sacks. Billy Ray Smith, switched from inside to outside linebacker, grew comfortable in his new position immediately, recording 11 sacks. Rookie end Leslie O'Neil had 121/2 sacks before his season ended with three games still to play due to a serious knee injury. San Diego used its second and third draft choices to further bolster the defense, selecting Southern California cornerback Louis Brock and Louisiana State lineman Karl Wilson. The selection of Brock, son of the former Cardinal baseball great, was a risk since he flunked several physical exams administered by other teams. He is said to have tendinitis in both knees.

The Chargers put their defensive line, for the most part, in the hands of their rehabilitation experts. If everything comes out all right, Williams will team with O'Neil at the end positions. O'Neil's injury had the Chargers worried about his future. Both top nose tackles, Chuck Ehin and Terry Unrein, are coming back from the injured list. Reserves Dee Hardison and Earl Wilson may come in handy

Thomas Benson started all 16 games at inside linebacker. Gary Plummer, who starred for the Oakland Invaders, was signed after the USFL ceased play and became a fixture at the other inside position. Woodrow Lowe begins his 12th season as a starting outside backer, but he may face competition from Ty Allert and USFL picks Andy Hawkins and Angelo Snipes. The major reinforcement is Pro Bowler Chip Banks, who was traded by Cleveland.

The Chargers must get more stability in their secondary than they had a year ago. Things began on a negative note when starting cornerbacks Danny Walters and John Hendy were knocked out before the season began. Hendy had been an all-rookie plaver the year before. After that it was one big series of changes. Strong safety Jeff Dale was the only man to start all 16 games at the same position in the backfield. He finished second on the team with 101 tackles. He also had four interceptions. Gill Byrd started at free safety, then was switched to cornerback. Kenny Taylor, signed as a free agent in the third week of the season, wound up as a starting corner. Vencie Glenn, acquired from New England in a midseason trade, finished as the starting free safety. Defensive coordinator Ron Lynn thinks Glenn can be an NFL star.

Chandler caught 56 passes for 728 yards, a modest 11.4-yard average, and just four touchdowns. It's not like the old days. Joiner is now the receivers' coach and his foremost project will be to coax Trumaine Johnson into becoming the star he was supposed to be when he came out of Grambling and the USFL to the Chargers. Johnson had 30 catches for a 13.3-yard average and just one touchdown. The Chargers traded with Houston for possession receiver Tim Smith.

Look for the new-styled San Diego passing by knee injuries.

ie team. The rest of the group is well-seasoned, with Gary Kowalski at right tackle, Sam Claphan and Dennis McKnight at guards, and Don Macek, who had one of his best years, at center. Tackle James FitzPatrick was a major disappointment. The Chargers had him on the trade block during the offseason despite investing a first-round draft pick on him in 1986.

Anderson averaged 20.1 yards on kickoffs returns and 9.2 on punt returns. The worry is that he may be worn to a nub. Place-kicker Rolf Benirschke had a so-so 16-for-25 fieldgoal record. Ralf Mojsiejenko averaged 42 yards and 15 of his punts landed inside the 20-yard line.

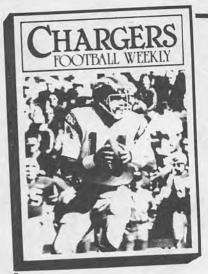
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88	Holohan, Pete	, IE	6-4	232	28		Notre Dame
27	Hunter, Daniel James, Lionel	. CB	5-11	180	25	2	Henderson St.
26	James, Lionel .	RB	5-6	170	25	3	Auburn
83	Johnson, Trumain	e WR	6-1	191	27	2	Grambling St.
68	Kowalski, Gary .	G	6-6	280	27	3	
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63	Leonard, Jim	_ C	6-3	270	30	6	Santa Clara
51	Lowe, Woodrow -	OLB	6-0	229	33	11	Alabama
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33	Sollivan John L	CB	6-1	190		1	California
24	Taylor, Ken	CB	6-1	186		2	
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2	Brock, Louis	CB	5-11	165	Southern Cal
3	Wilson, Karl	DE	6.4	251	LSU
4	Vlasic, Mark	QB	6-3	206	Towa
5	Jones, Nelson	DB	6-0	190	N. C. State
7	Holland, Jamie	. WB	6.1	186	Ohio State
8	MacEsker, Joe	OT	6-7	289	UTEP
8	Brown, Ron	LB	6-4	235	Southern Cal
9	Wilcher, Thomas	RB	5-10	188	Michigan
10	Anderson, Anthony	DB	6-2	205	Grambling
11	Goebel, Joe	C	6-5	268	UCLA
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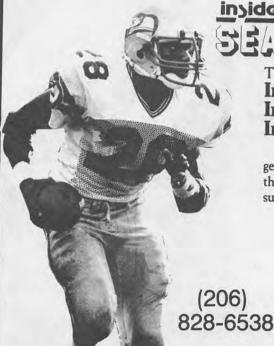
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CINCINNATI BENGALS

Some year Cincinnati is going to do something other than come close. This may be the year. The Bengals have the most explosive offense in the NFL, as well as the most productive, and that should be worth something. For the last three years, Sam Wyche's entire coaching tenure with the team, the Bengals just missed making the playoffs. Coming close is getting a little old.

The Bengals were a consistent football team, compiling 5-3 won-lost records in both the first and second halves last season. What did them in was their failure to win two big games in the stretch and, overall, their flabby defense. The two must games were against Denver and Cleveland. The Bengals lost to the eventual AFC champions by six points in Denver. There was no doubt about the outcome when the hated Browns came to Cincinati. Cleveland drubbed the Bengals, 34–3. Circle December 13 on your calendar for this season. That is the date of the Bengals' trip to Cleveland, which could be decisive in the

AFC Central.

Fixing the defense may be a difficult task. The Bengals' offense averaged 25.5 points per game last season. But eight times the opposition scored more than that against Cincinnati. Four defensive starters, cornerback Louis Breeden, linebacker Reggie Williams, and ends Eddie Edwards and Ross Browner, are 33 years old. Dick LeBeau, the defensive coordinator, must decide whether they are capable of one last hurrah, or whether they are already over the hill. If those four gray panthers could manage to contribute, the Bengals could be a Super Bowl contender.

Breeden led the team in interceptions a year ago and Wyche seems confident about him. "He continues to maintain his speed,"





says the coach. "I think he had one of his better seasons in 1986 and shows no signs of losing a step." Williams remains one of the team's spiritual leaders. No linebacker was drafted last spring to challenge him. Neither Browner nor Edwards had a satisfactory season in '86. Each recorded 6½ sacks. Both were inconsistent. Jim Skow, a second-year pro, will press Browner. The Bengals made Jason Buck, the fast pass rusher from Brigham Young, their first-round draft choice in order to give Edwards a shove.

Offensively, the key man is quarterback Boomer Esiason, one of the foremost big-play passers in the NFL and a Pro Bowler last year. Esiason threw for 3,959 yards and 24 touchdowns. As Wyche says, "He seems to have the knack for making something happen." Esiason has a terryfying group of targets. Cris Collinsworth had another big season, catching 62 passes for 1,024 yards, 10 touchdowns, and a 16.5-yard average. Eddie Brown added 58 catches for 964 yards and a 16.6-yard average. Tight end Rodney Holman caught 40 (14.3). This year the fleet Tim McGee, a first-round selection in 1986, should be more involved in the passing attack. McGee, in limited playing time, caught 16 passes for a 17.3-yard average.

The man most responsible for Cincinnati's status as the leading overall offensive team in the NFL, however, is little running back James Brooks. Possibly the best small back in the NFL, Brooks accounted for 1,773 yards run-

ex-starter Brian Blados able to throw his 300 pounds around at various positions.

Across the line, Browner and Edwards may be vulnerable to challenges from Skow and Buck, but the nose-tackle position is solid with Tim Krumrie. Mike Hammerstein, the ex-Michigan star, had a nebulous rookie season, but he could be a factor in specialty defenses.

Emanuel King and Joe Kelly are the focal points of hope for improvement in the line-backing corps. King led the Bengals in sacks a year ago with nine, but he needs to be stronger against the run and more disciplined overall. Kelly, a first-round choice in '86, was handicapped by a long holdout. Once he broke into the starting lineup, however, he





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ning and catching. He carried the ball 205 times for 1,087 yards and made 54 receptions for 686 yards. Brooks averaged 5.3 yards on the ground and 12.7 yards as a receiver, a high average for a pass catcher coming out of the backfield. "He's also an outstanding blocker," adds Wyche.

Larry Kinnebrew and Stanley Wilson provide less dramatic but important contributions to the running attack. Each scored eight touchdowns last season. Kinnebrew carried 131 times, mostly heavy-duty stuff, and averaged four yards a carry. Wilson averaged 5.6 yards on 68 carries and Bill Johnson, a USFL refugee, averaged 5.8 yards on 39 carries.

Of course, running the ball for Cincinnati is more comfortable than it is for most NFL teams, considering the quality of the Bengals' line. The guards, Max Montoya and Bruce Kozerski, are the featherweights of the unit at 275 pounds apiece. Tackle Anthony Munoz weighs 278, center Dave Rimington 288, and tackle Joe Walter 290. Munoz and Montoya made the Pro Bowl. There is depth, too, with

convinced the Cincinnati brass that he could develop into a top inside player. Carl Zander is a solid man at the other inside position. Reggie Williams is the fourth starter. Kiki Ayala, who came from the USFL last year, is a valuable blitzer and specialty linebacker.

David Fulcher started as a rookie strong safety and hit like a linebacker, living up to the reputation he carried from Arizona State. Now the plan is to shift Fulcher to free safety, which would promote another bomber. Barney Bussey, who came to the Bengals from the USFL. Opposite Breeden at the other corner is Lewis Billups, who broke into the lineup as a rookie. He is a strong cover man. There is depth, too. Bobby Kemp and Robert Jackson once started at safety; Ray Horton used to be a first-string corner and functions as a nickel back.

There could be a number of defensive alterations due to the draft, as well as developing young players. The second-round pick, Eric Thomas of Tulane, could figure as a nickel back or as immediate competition for Breeden. Indiana back Leonard Bell and Arizona

State end Skip McClendon came in the third round. The top offensive picks were Clemson tight end Jim Riggs and Kentucky running back Mark Logan.

Punt returner Mike Martin was injured a good deal, but Horton stepped in and averaged 10.1 yards on 11 returns. McGee averaged 23.4 on kickoffs, including a 94-yarder. Stanford Jennings averaged 21.4 as the Bengals had one of the most dangerous return units in the league. Jim Breech, the placekicker, had a poor year, 17-for-32 in field goals, and the Bengals may send out a search party to locate his successor. The identity of the punter may be unknown until opening day. One of the Bengals' most important offseason moves was no move at all. Offensive line coach Jim McNally, among the most admired in the NFL, turned down an offer from the Dallas Cowboys to stay in Cincinnati.

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	Barker, Leo		6-2	227		4	New Mexico St.
	Billups, Lewis		5-11	190		2	North Alabama
	Blados, Brian		6-5	295	25	4	North Carolina
55	Brady, Ed	LB	6-2	235	27	4	Illinois
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34	Breeden, Louis		5-11	185	34	10	N.C. Central
21			5-10	182	29	7	Aubum
81			6-0	185	25	3	Miami
79	Browner, Ross		6-3	265	33	10	Notre Dame
27	Bussey, Barney		6-0	195		2	S.C. State
80	Collinsworth, Cris		6-5	192	28	6	Florida
93	Deayala, Kiki		6-1	225	26	2	Texas
67	Douglas, David		6-4	280	24	2	Tennessee
73	Edwards, Eddie		6-5	256	33	- 11	Miami, Fla.
7	Feigenn Ronmer	OR	6-4	220		4	Maryland
33	Fulcher, David	S	6-3	228	23	2	Arizona State
11	Gaynor, Doug	QB	6-2	205	24	2	Long Beach St.
71	Hammerstein, Mike		6-4	270	24	2	Michigan
95	Herrmann, James		6-6	255		1	Brigham Young
43	Hilary, Ira		5-11	190	25	1	South Carolina
82		.TE	6-3	238	27	6	Tulane
20	Horton, Ray		5-11	190		5	Washington
37	Jackson, Robert		5-10	186	29	7	Central Mich
36	Jennings, Stanford		6-1	205	25	4	Furman
30	Johnson, Bill		6-2	230		3	Arkansas State
84	Kattus, Eric		6-5	235		2	Michigan
58	Kelly, Joe		6-2	227		2	Washington
26	Kemp, Bobby		6-0	191		7	Cal-Fullerton
90	King, Emanuel		6-4	251		3	Alabama
28	Kinnebrew, Larry		6-1	258		5	Tennessee State
64	Kozerski, Bruce		6-4	275		4	Holy Cross
86	Kreider, Steve		6-3	192	29	9	Lehigh
69	Krumrie, Tim		6-2	262	27	5	WiscMadison
88	Martin, Mike		5-10	186	27	5	Illinois
85	McGee, Tim	WR	5-10	175	23	2	Tennessee
65	Montoya, Max		6-5	275	31	9	UCLA
78	Munoz, Anthony	. T	6-6	278	29	8	USC
75	Reimers, Bruce		6-7	280		4	Iowa State
50	Rimington, Dave		6-3	288		5	Nebraska
96	Shaw, Jeff		6-1	280		1	Salem College
56	Simpkins, Ron		6-1	235		7	Michigan
70	Skow, Jim		6-3	250		2	Nebraska
63	Walter, Joe		6-6	290		3	Texas Tech
51	White, Leon		6-2			2	Brigham Young
57	Williams, Reggie		6-0	228			Dartmouth
32	Wilson, Stanley						Oklahoma
91	Zander, Carl			235		3	

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2	Thomas, Eric	DB	5-11	175	Tulane
3	Bell, Leonard		5-11	201	Indiana
3	McClendon, Skip	DE	6-6	257	Arizona State
4	Riggs, Jim	.TE	6-5	245	Clemson
5	Logan, Mark		5-11	207	Kentucky
5	Home, Greg	P	6-0	188	Arkansas
6	Gordon, Sonny		5-11	195	Ohio State
7	Thatcher, Chris	OG	6-4	275	Lalayette
8	Wilcots, Solomon	DB	5-11	180	Colorado
9	Raddatz, Graig	LB	6-3	240	Wisconsin
10	McCluskey, David	RB	6-1	218	Georgia
11	Warne, Jim	OT	6-7	315	Arizona State
12	Holifield, John	RB	6-0	193	West Virginia

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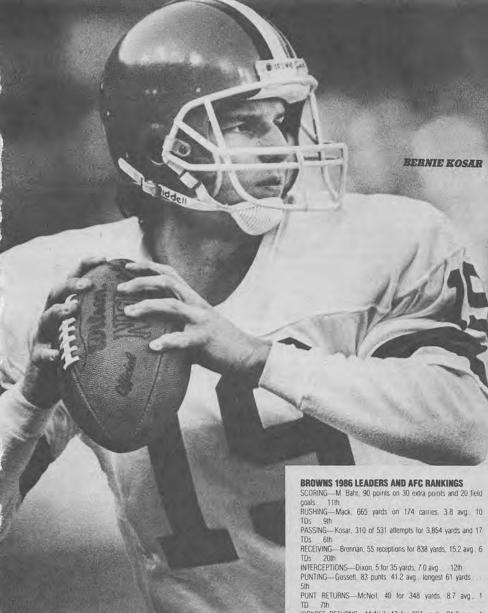


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CLEVELAND BROWNS

With Bernie Kosar ambling along with the gait of a stork, it is said that the Cleveland Browns win ugly. Ugly or not, the Browns have their eyes on the Super Bowl. Kosar, remember, has fewer than two years' experience as an NFL starting quarterback. Had he elected to use all of his remaining college eligibility, he would just be coming out of the draft. Yet he directed the Browns to a nerve-fraying, 23–20 double-overtime victory over the New York Jets in the playoffs last year. Then he just missed leading Cleveland to Super Bowl XXI when Denver rescued the AFC championship in overtime.

"We may have a young offense," says coach Marty Schottenheimer, "but we're a team on the ascent." There isn't far to ascend when you win 12 games in the regular season and it takes a small miracle to eliminate you from the Super Bowl derby.

Ugly or not, the opposition can expect a lot of yards and points from Kosar again this season. A year ago, when he was still virtually a neophyte, Bernie passed for 3,854 yards and

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directed Cleveland to 391 points. He also had the best interception rate in the NFL, a miserly 1.88. "Imagine Bernie when he's older," suggests veteran tight end Ozzie Newsome. "Say when he's 25."

This will be the second year that the 23year-old Kosar has played under the direction of Lindy Infante, the team's offensive coordinator. Schottenheimer hired Infante, the former head coach of the Jacksonville team in the USFL, to raise the standards of the Cleveland passing game. He did. "He has a great understanding of offense and passing philosophy," says Kosar.

The Cleveland offense may bear a far different look in 1987. That is because the team's two dominating backs of the previous season, Earnest Byner and Kevin Mack, were injured for most of the season. Byner missed the last nine games with torn ligaments in his ankle. Mack missed four games and parts of two others after he suffered a shoulder injury. Nevertheless, he led the team with 665 yards.

When Byner and Mack were injured, the Browns went with three and sometimes four wide receivers, most of them young. Three kid pass catchers totaled 134 receptions. Brian Brennan caught 55 for a 15.2-yard average and six touchdowns. Rookie Webster Slaughter caught 40 for 577 yards and four TDs and Reggie Langhorne caught 39 for a 17.4 average. With Byner and Mack out, Kosar found utility back Herman Fontenot 47 times for 559 yards. Fontenot has become important to the Cleveland attack. But if Byner and Mack are near their '86 efficiency, when each gained more than 1,000 yards, it will give Infante far more latitude.

Then there is Ozzie Newsome. For the first time in his pro career, the great tight end was bothered by injuries. Newsome sprained his ankle opening day and then strained his shoulder in the third game. Those injuries



nagged at him all season long. If he can make a comeback at age 31, it will give further dimension to the offense. The Browns seem to think he can, since they didn't draft a tight end. Always intriguing is the presence of running back Curtis Dickey, a player of enormous and sometimes unfulfilled talent. He gained 523 yards in brief appearances, including a 106-yard day against the Minnesota Vikings.

The Browns field one of the least distinguished offensive lines of any contending team. At least it seems undistinguished. Left tackle Paul Farren was a 12th-round draft choice, left guard Larry Williams a 10th, and right guard Dan Fike a free agent. Their star, right tackle Cody Risien, underwent offseason surgery on both elbows. Tackle Ricky Bolden broke his leg in the fifth game. But the group allowed just seven sacks in the last five regular-season games and also helped produce 100-plus yards rushing games in that span. The draft brings a newcomer, University of

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4	Anderson, Greg	WR	5-10	170	28	1	Alabama State
66	Andrews, Tom	OG	6-4	267	25	3	Louisville
61	Raah Mike	E	6.4	270	28	6	Texas
9	Bahr, Matt	K	5-10	175	31	9	Penn State
43	Baker, Tony	RB	5-10	175	23	2	Fact Carolina
99	Baldwin Keith	DF	6-4	270	27	5	Texas A & M
93	Bolzan, Scott Bowser, Charles Brennan, Brian Byner, Earnest Camp, Reggie	T	6.3	270	25	1	Northern Illinois
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4	Ellis, Hay	110	0-1	190	28	1	Ohio State
391	Everett Major	RB	5-10	218	21	5	Miss. College
4	Farren, Paul	OL	6-5	280	27	5	Boston U.
9	Farren, Paul Fike, Dan Fontenot, Herman	G	6-7	280	26	3	Florida
8	Fontenot, Herman.	RB	6-0	206	24	3	LSU
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7	Gossett, Jeff Greer, Terry	P	6-2	200	30	6	Eastern Illinois
30	Greer, Terry Griggs, Anthony	WR	6-2	197	30	2	Alahama State
				230	27	6	Ohio State
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23	Harper, Mark	CB	5-9	174	26	2	Alcorn State
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2	Puzzuoli, Daye Risien, Cody Rockins, Chris	NT.	6-3	260	26	5	Pittsburgh
3	Risien, Cody	. T	6-7	280	30	8	Texas A & M
7	Rockins, Chris	S	6-0	195	25	4	Oklahoma State
n	Simmons King	C	6.2	200	24	1	Texas Tech
4	Slaughter, Webster	WR	6-0	170	23	2	San Diego State
7.1	Heyer France	116	6.3	2.00	1241	2.	Sn Conn State
0	Van Pelt Brad	IR	6.5	235	36	15	Michigan State
15	Van Pelt, Brad . Weathers, Clarence Weathers, Curtis	WR	5.0	170	25	5	Delaware State
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1	Junkin, Mike LB	6-3	235	Duke
2	Rakoczy, Greg C	6-5	281	Miami
3	Manoa, Tim	6-1	227	Penn State
3	Jaeger, Jeff K	5-11	189	Washington
6	Braggs, Stephen DB	5-11	173	Texas
8	Bullitt, Steve LB	6-2	222	Texas A & M
10	Winters, Frank C	6-3	289	Western Illinois
11	Brewton, Larry DB	5-9	180	Temple

Miami center Greg Rakoczy, not necessarily to challenge starter Mike Babb but to lend his versatility to guard and tackle.

The Browns' defense does a solid if unspectacular job. Cleveland was sixth against the pass in the AFC, 10th against the run. Schottenheimer wanted something better, which is the reason he made a major trade on draft day. He packaged Pro Bowl linebacker Chip Banks to San Diego for the Chargers' No. 5 pick in the first round. The Browns then took Duke's Mike Junkin. "He is one of the finest young linebackers I've ever seen," says Schottzy, who plans to use Junkin on the inside to improve the team's efficiency against the run. It was risky business to deal Banks. but he had been unhappy, and that became infectious. After the Browns attempted to deal him to Buffalo two years ago in the Bernie Kosar transaction, Banks refused to report. So Cleveland had to take him back and compensate Buffalo with another first-round choice. Banks became a burden to the coaches, even though his standard of play remained high. The San Diego deal, incidentally, stipulates that the Browns are not liable for any further compensation if Banks refuses to report to the Chargers. Junkin is expected to challenge Anthony Griggs for the inside spot next to Eddie Johnson. Clay Matthews does solid work on the outside, but Schottenheimer may have to switch someone to take Banks's place. One possibility is ex-USFL star Mike Johnson. Banks led the team with 90 solo tackles and was the sole linebacker employed in the anti-pass defenses.

The Browns have no dominant pass rusher on the line, but they do have five guys who work well as a unit. Ex-Eagle Carl Hairston led with nine sacks. Reggie Camp, the left end, had 7½. Former basketball player Sam Clancy, who came from the USFL, worked inside in the four-man front and added 5½ sacks. Dave Puzzuoli, who moved outside on the same front, had six. Nose tackle Bob Golic plugs the inside running.

Tom Olividotti, last year's secondary coach, moved to Miami as defensive coordinator. Special teams' coach Bill Cowher took over and inherited some fine talent. Both cornerbacks, Frank Minnifield and Hanford Dixon,

CLAY MATTHEWS

played in the Pro Bowl. Chris Rockins was a satisfactory successor to the late Don Rogers at free safety. He not only has the quickness to cover, but he led the team with 135 tackles. After starting strong safety Al Gross was hurt last year, Ray Ellis moved in to play well against the run.

The Browns are worried about their kicking. Matt Bahr underwent midseason surgery on his right knee and the aged Mark Moseley was released. The Browns used a third-round draft choice to make the University of Washington's Jeff Jaeger the first kicker selected. Jeff Gossett did a sound punting job, with a 35.6-yard net average. Return specialist Gerald "Ice Cube" McNeil scored touchdowns on punt and kickoff returns.



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PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Chuck Noll has gone back to his roots, to the mid-1970s, when defense formed the core of Pittsburgh's championship teams. Six of the Steelers' first seven draft choices were defensive players.

In 1974, the Steelers drafted four collegians who went on to become all-pros. Right now, they would settle for their premier choice, cornerback Rod Woodson of Purdue, reaching that level. Woodson has been described as a Raiders' type cornerback. He'll knock you down, then turn and run with you. He also is a world-class hurdler, an all-round player whom Tampa Bay coach Ray Perkins reportedly considered to be the best running-back prospect in the draft. In his final game for Purdue, Woodson stayed in for the game, playing 110 downs. He gained 93 yards rushing. 'I'm in love with him,' says Noll.

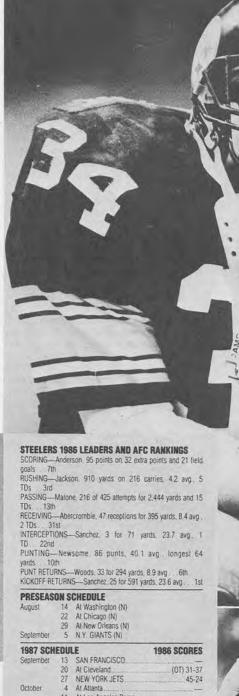
Three of the first four picks were defensive backs. In the second round, the Steelers took tough Delton Hall, a Clemson corner. In the fourth it was Thomas Everett of Baylor. "We went into the draft trying to upgrade the secondary," admitted defensive coordinator Tony Dungy, "but nobody planned to get three of the top four picks." The Steelers' overall defense finished sixth in the AFC, accounted for 43 sacks, and in four games held the opposition to fewer than 100 yards rushing. But the Achilles' heel was at cornerback. Both Woodson and Hall could start.

There is such an emphasis on defense that Noll brought back Hall of Famer Joe Greene to coach the line. He'll work with two of the Steelers' emerging young players. One is Darryl



Sims, the teams's No. 1 draftee two years ago who has progressed slowly. The other is Gerald Williams, last year's second-rounder. He is the heir to 10-year nose tackle Gary Dunn, 34, who underwent knee surgery twice during the offseason. End Keith Willis recorded a dozen sacks last year, third-best in Pittsburgh history. He also plays the run well. Edmund Nelson, the other end, is steady, but Keith Gary comes in during passing situations. He had 6½ sacks. The Steelers also drafted Tim Johnson of Penn State.

The principal strength of the defense is the linebacking. Mike Merriweather made the Pro Bowl last year, but the Steelers voted the other outside linebacker, Bryan Hinkle, the team's most valuable player. Merriweather had six sacks, Hinkle 4½. Hinkle led the team with 1.11 tackles, nine more than Merriweather. Robin Cole flourishes as an inside backer,



September	5	N.Y. GIANTS (N)	
1987 SCH	EDU	LE	1986 SCORES
September	13	SAN FRANCISCO	
	20	At Cleveland	(OT) 31-37
	27	NEW YORK JETS	45-24
October	4	At Atlanta	esta rational de la constitución de
	11	Al Los Angeles Rams	
	18	INDIANAPOLIS	
	25		30-9
November	1	At Miami	corrective continues are all the con-
	. 8	At Kansas City	
	15	HOUSTON	21-10
	22	At Cincinnati	22-24
	29	NEW ORLEANS	
December	6	SEATTLE	
	13	At San Diego	minter and a second second
	20	At Houston	
	26	CLEVELAND	24-27

next to David Little, who calls defensive signals. The Steelers think that Anthony Henton may be a comer. The draft brings Hardy Nickerson, a heavy hitter from California who sometimes plays out of control, and sleeper Greg Lloyd from Ft. Valley State.

Every position in the secondary is open to



WALTER ABERCROMBIE

change. The incumbent cornerbacks, Lupe Sanchez and veteran John Swain, face the stiffest challenge. Not only will Woodson push one of them, but Dwayne Woodruff, who missed the entire season due to a knee injury, was Pittsburgh's top cover man before he was hurt. If he comes all the way back, Woodruff is

a solid plus for the pass defense. Free safety Eric Williams did not have a good year and strong safety Donnie Shell, entering his 14th NFL season, is 35, an advanced age for badgering tight ends. Dave Edwards, Shell's backup, could earn a promotion, or one of the rookies could crash the starting lineup here.

No team in the AFC ran the ball more frequently than the Steelers in 1986. That remains the design for a couple of reasons. One, the quarterback situation is unstable.

STEELERS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
34	Abercrombie,	Walter RB			28	6	Baylor
1			5-11		28	6	Syracuse
15	Baker, Andrei	WR	6-1	195	25	1	Rutgers
	Behning, Mar		6-6	285		2	Nebraska
6	Brister, Bubb	a QB	6-2	192		2	NE Louisiana
88	Britt, Jessie	WR.	6-4	200	24	2	N. Carolina A &
35	Brown, Gord	on RB	5-10		24	1	Tulsa
	Carr, Gregg		6-1	220		3	Auburn
	Carter, Rodn		5-11			1	Purdue
33	Clayton, Har Cole, Robin	vey . CB	5-9	186		5	Florida State
					32	11	New Mexico
	Dunn, Gary		6-3		34	11	Miami
42	Edwards, Da		6-0		25	3	Illinois
24	Erenberg, Ri		5-10		25	4	Colgate
92	Gary, Keith		6-3		28	5	Oklahoma
86	Gothard, Pre		6-4	242		3	Alabama
96	Henton, Anth		6-1		3 24	2	Troy State
38	Herron, Don		6-2		23	1	N.C. State
53	Hinkle, Bryan		6-2		28	6	Oregon
36	Hughes, Dav		6-0		28	7	Boise State
62	Ilkin, Tunch		6-3		30	8	Indiana State
43	Jackson, Ear		5-9		28	5	Texas A & M
	Jones, Bruce		6-1		25	1	North Alabama
	Kimmel, Jen	y LB	6-2		24	1	Syracuse
83	Lipps, Louis			187		4	Southern Miss
50	Little, David		6-1	242		7	Florida
74	Long, Terry		5-11			4	East Carolina
16	Malone, Mar		6-4	222		8	Arizona State
84	McCombs, 0		6-4		24	1	Central Florida
57	Merriweathe		6-2	219		6	Pacific
64	Nelson, Edit		6-3	27		6	Auburn
18	Newsome, H		6-0	186		3	Wake Forest
65	Pinney, Ray		6-4	247		9	Washington
30	Pollard, Fran		5-10			8	Baylor
76	Quick, Jerry		6-5	270		1	Wichita State
60	Rasmussen,		6-1	254		4	Minnesota
40	Reeder, Dan		5-11			2	Delaware
79	Rienstra, Jol		6-4	275		2	Temple
63	Rostosky, Pi		6-4	265		4	Connecticut
28	Sanchez, Lu	pe CB	5-10		2 26		UCLA
45	Sanders, Ch		6-1	23		2	Slippery Rock
80	Seitz, Warre		6-4		3 25	2	Missouri
41	Sheffield, Cl		6-1		3 24	2	Albany State
31	Shell, Donn		5-11		35		S.C. State
99	Sims, Darry Stallworth, J	DL	6-3		4 26	3	Wisconsin
82	Stallworth, J	lahn . WR	6-2	20			Alabama A & M
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26			6-1		0 28		Miami
85		alvin . WR	6-2		2 32		Southern Cal.
87	Thompson,		6-6		0 26		Florida State
20			5-7		0 23		Utah
51	Turk, Dan		6-4	27			Wisconsin
52	Webster, Mi	ke C	6-1		7 35		Wisconsin
21	Williams, Er	ic FS	6-1		0 27		N.C. State
98	Williams, G	erald NT	6-3		0 24		Auburn
93			6-1		3 28		Northeastern
55			6-0		4 32		Arkansas
73			6-1		8 28		Syracuse
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	Woods, Rich		6-1	10	5 28	6	Boise State

DRAFTEES							
rd	name pos	hl	Wt	college			
1	Woodson, Rod CB	6-0	195	Purdue			
2	Hall, Delton CB	6-1	195	Clemson			
3	Lockett, Charles WR	6-0	175	Long Beach			
4	Everett, Thomas DB	5-9	177	Baylor			
5	Nickerson, Hardy LB	6-2	230	California			
6	Johnson, TimNT	6-3	251	Penn State			
6	Lloyd, Greg LB	6-2	224	Fort Valley St.			
7	Kelly, ChrisTE	6-3	236	Akron			
8	Buchanan, Charles DE	6-2	232	Tennessee St.			
9	Clinkscales, Joey WR	6-0	199	Tennessee			
10	Hoge, Merril RB	6-2	221	Idaho State			
11	Oswald, Paul C	6-3	273	Kansas			
12	Young, Theo TE	6-2	228	Arkansas			

Two, by controlling the ball, the defense is rested and given an opportunity to dominate the game. It worked during the early days of the Steel Curtain.

Walter Abercrombie was a slow developer in the pros, but he seemed to arrive in his fifth season. Pittsburgh's No. 1 draft choice in 1982, Abercrombie ran for 877 yards, was the top receiver with 47 catches for 395 yards, and scored a team-high eight touchdowns. Earnest Jackson didn't join the Steelers until the season was three games old, but he ended up leading then in ground gaining with 910 yards and a 4.2-yard average. Only two AFC backs gained more yardage. Jackson can be an enigma, however. He led the conference one year for San Diego, but the Chargers found him expendable. He played well for Philadelphia, but the Eagles, too, let him go. Pittsburgh should be cautioned not to make long-term plans. Rich Erenberg is a valuable situation player. He caught 27 passes, three for touchdowns, and ran for 170 yards, third on the team. Frank Pollard, once the starting fullback, suffered a knee injury that threatens

The Steelers' quarterback situation is the most unstable in the AFC. Mark Malone had one of the lowest ratings in the NFL, 62.5. Malone is a marvelous athlete—he had the team's longest run from scrimmage a year ago, 45 yards—but he is not a major-league caliber passer. That is the main reason the Steelers opt for a ball-control running attack. In the wings is Bubby Brister, who started two games as a rookie a year ago and showed

raw talent, particularly a strong passing arm. Brister is far from ready to become a full-time starter, however.

That means that one of the sport's best wide receivers, Louis Lipps, could be largely wasted. He had 38 catches, a 15.5-vard average, and three touchdowns in an injury-plagued season. John Stallworth, one of the team's alltime stars, is 34 now and he caught 34 passes that included just one touchdown. The only draft choice among the first seven that was not used for defensive talent was the third, which the Steelers used to select speedy receiver Charles Lockett of Long Beach State, who averaged more than 18 yards a catch as a senior. Calvin Sweeney, who started seven games, and Weegie Thompson, who caught five touchdown passes, provide the depth. Preston Gothard is an improving tight end. His 21 catches were the most by a Pittsburgh tight end since 1983.

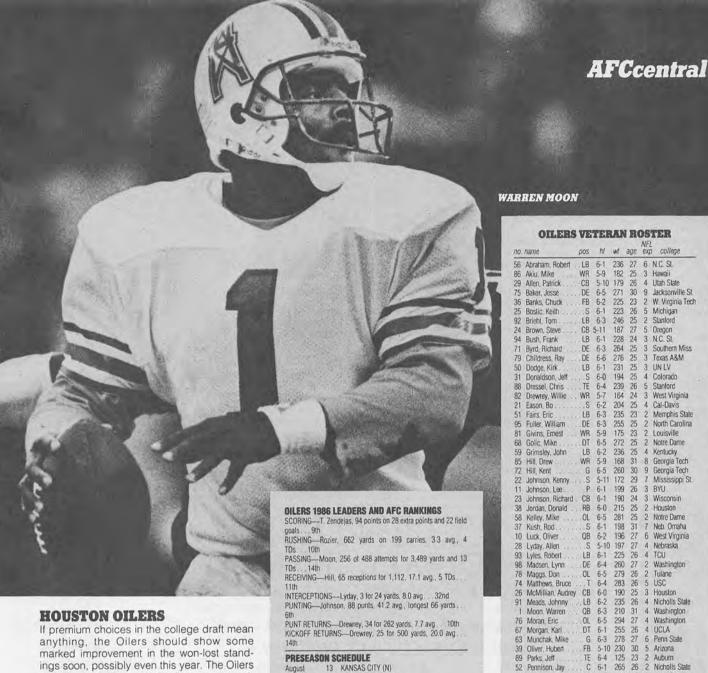
The Steelers consider the offensive line one of their strong points. Mike Webster, the longtime all-pro center, is not the player he used to be now that he is entering his 14th NFL season, but Noll thinks that even at 35, Webster has some mileage left. John Rienstra, last year's top draft pick, missed most of the season due to injury, but he should get far more playing time in concert with the incumbent guards, Craig Wolfley and Terry Long. Wolfley's run blocking is one of the features of the offense. Tunch Ilkin is an unappreciated talent at tackle. He allowed just one sack last year. Mark Behning could push Ray Pinney, who is recovering from offseason knee surgery at age 34.

Place-kicker Gary Anderson had his least spectacular year, converting 21 of 32 field-goal attempts. Harry Newsome averaged 40.1 yards on his 86 punts. Sanchez had a 23.6-yard average on his kickoff returns, but if Erroll Tucker can recover from the broken leg that spoiled his rookie year, he may be the principal return man.

LOUIS LIPPS







begin the season with 20 first- or secondround draft choices on their roster. There was evidence that Jerry Glanville, in his first full year, was getting some production out of all that potential. The Oilers prefer to block out the first portion of the 1986 season and dwell on the last seven games, when they won four times.

The Oilers' latest first-round selections, University of Miami fullback Alonzo Highsmith and North Carolina State wide receiver Haywood Jeffires, should be impact players for the team before the season is very old. Highsmith will be paired with Mike Rozier in backfield. Eventually, Jeffires should be melded with last year's rookie flash, Ernest Givens, and veteran Drew Hill to provide quarterback Warren Moon with three swift targets.

'Moon gives us an excellent chance to win. and I look for him in '87 to take a giant step toward becoming a real force in the NFL, predicts Glanville. Moon passed for 3,489 yards last year, but he connected for just 13 touchdowns while being intercepted 26 times. He had one of the lowest passer ratings in the league. Oliver Luck is the backup. The Oilers 13 KANSAS CITY (N) 22 At New Orleans (N) At Indianapolis (N)

1987 SCH	EDU	LE	1986 SCORES
September	13	LOS ANGELES RAMS	
	20	Al Buffalo	16-7
	27	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	17-28
October	4		
	11	At Cleveland	(OT) 10-13
	18	NEW ENGLAND	
	25	ATLANTA	
November	1	At Cincinnati	28-31
	8	At San Francisco	
	15	At Pittsburgh	10-21
	22	CLEVELAND.	
	29	At Indianapolis	
December	6	SAN DIEGO	0-27
	13	At New Orleans	
	20	PITTSBURGH	(OT)16-22
	27		32-28

surprised by using a third-round draft choice to select Baylor's Cody Carlson.

Hill and Givens each had more than 1,000 yards in reception yardage. Hill caught 65 passes for 1,112 yards and five touchdowns along with a 17.1-yard average. Givens caught 61 passes for 1,062 yards, three touchdowns, and a 17.4-yard average. At

OILERS VETERAN BOSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	ext	college
56	Abraham, Robert	LB	6-1	236	27	6	N.C. St.
86	Akiu, Mike		5-9	182	25	3	Hawaii
29	Allen, Patrick		5-10	179	26	4	Utah State
75	Baker, Jesse		6-5	271	30	9	Jacksonville SI
36	Banks, Chuck		6-2	225	23	2	W. Virginia Teo
25	Bostic, Keith		6-1	223	26	5	Michigan
92	Briehl, Tom		6-3	246	25	2	Stanford
24	Brown, Steve			187	27	5	Oregon
94		LB	6-1	228	24	3	N.C. St.
71	Byrd, Richard	DE	6-3	264		3	Southern Miss
79			6-6	276	25	3	Texas A&M
	Childress, Ray	UC				-	
	Dodge, Kirk		6-1	231	25	3	UNLV
31	Donaldson, Jeff .		6-0	194		4	Colorado
88	Dressel, Chris		6-4	239	26	5	Stanford
82	Drewrey, Willie .		5-7	164		3	West Virginia
21	Eason, Bo		6-2	204		4	Cal-Davis
51	Fairs, Eric	. LB	6-3	235		2	Memphis State
95	Fuller, William .	DE	6-3	255		2	North Carolina
81	Givins, Ernest	. WR	5-9	175	23	2	Louisville
68	Golic, Mike	. DT	6-5	272	25	2	Notre Dame
59	Grimsley, John	LB	6-2	236	25	4	Kentucky
85	Hill, Drew	WR	5-9	168	31	8	Georgia Tech
72	Hill, Kent	G	6-5	260		9	Georgia Tech
22	Johnson, Kenny .	S		172	29	7	Mississippi St
11	Johnson, Lee			199		3	BYU
23	Johnson, Richard		6-1	190		3	Wisconsin
38	Jordan, Donald			215		2	Houston
58	Kelley, Mike		6-5	281		2	Notre Dame
37			6-1	198		7	Neb. Omaha
	Kush, Rod			196			
10	Luck, Oliver		6-2			6	West Virginia
28	Lyday, Allen		5-10	197		4	Nebraska
93	Lyles, Robert			225		4	TCU
98	Madsen, Lynn		6-4	260		2	Washington
78	Maggs. Don		6-5	279		2	Tulane
74	Matthews, Bruce	T	6-4	283		5	USC
26	McMillian, Audrey	/ CB	6-0	190	25	3	Houston
91	Meads, Johnny .	LB	6-2	235	26	4	Nicholls State
1	Moon, Warren	. QB	6-3	210	31	4	Washington
76	Moran, Eric	OL	6-5	294	27	4	Washington
67	Morgan, Karl	. DT	6-1	255	26	4	UCLA
63	Munchak, Mike .		6-3	278	27	6	Penn State
39	Oliver, Hubert	. FB				5	Arizona
89	Parks, Jeff	TE	6-4	125		2	Auburn
52	Pennison, Jay	C	6-1	265		2	Nicholls State
20	Pinkett, Allen			185		2	Notre Dame
53	Riley, Avon			240		7	UCLA
55	Domano lim		6-3	264		6	Penn State
	Romano, Jim	- DD				3	Nebraska
	Rozier, Mike			211			
99	Smith, Doug	- 01	6-4	287		3	Auburn
83				206		8	Nebraska
70	Steinkuhler, Dean			275		4	Nebraska
35	Wallace, Ray			221		2	Purdue
69				285		2	Texas A&M
87	Williams, Jamie .	TE	6-4	245	27	5	Nebraska
80				195	25	2	Illinois
12	Witkowski, John.	. QB	6-1	205	25	3	Columbia
40		. RB	6-1	215	27	6	Michigan

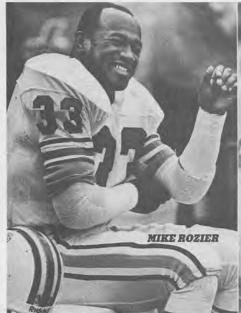
DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Highsmith, Alonzo .	- RB	6-1	235	Miami
1	Jeffires, Haywood	WR	6-2	198	N.C. State
2	Johnson, Walter	. LB	6-0	218	La Tech
3	Carlson, Cody	QB	6-3	203	Baylor
4	Dusbarek, Mark	. LB	6-3	232	Minnesota
5	Tillman, Spencer	. RB	5-10	208	Oklahoma
6	Smith, Al	. LB	6-0	227	Utah State
6	Caston, Toby	- LB	6-0	237	LSU
7	Banks, Robert	- LB	6-5	234	Notre Dame
8	James, Michael	WR	5-11	184	Washington St
9	Neighbors, Wes	C	6-0	261	Alabama
10	Duncan, Curtis	WR	5-10	183	Northwestern
11	Davis, John	. OG	6-3	309	Georgia Tech
12	Valentine, Ira	RB	5-11	216	Texas A&M

North Carolina State, they compared Jeffires to another Wolfpack pass catcher of the past, Mike Quick, who went on to become an all-profor the Philadelphia Eagles.

Glanville hired a new offensive line coach, Kim Helton, who will work with a platoon of potential all-pros. The problem is keeping them all in one piece. Pro Bowl guard Mike Munchak suffered a knee injury which kept him out of play for the last 10 games. The Oilers acquired Kent Hill, five times a Pro Bowl guard, in the deal with the Los Angeles Rams for quarterback Jim Everett. Hill could be a bigger help to the Oilers after a training camp with his new team. Both tackles, Bruce Matthews and Dean Steinkuhler, return from offseason surgery. Matthews's problem is his balky back. Steinkuhler played all last year on a gimpy knee. Another highly touted lineman, guard Mike Kelley, missed the entire season due to a neck injury. Center Jim Romano was another lineman who suffered a knee injury last year. The Oilers drafted Alabama center Wes Neighbors as an insurance policy.

The lack of a top fullback and the injuries in the offensive line handicapped the running game. Rozier, the former Heisman Trophy winner, led the team with 662 yards rushing despite his own injuries. The addition of Highsmith, a powerful runner and sound blocker and receiver, and a healthy line could give Rozier a shot at a 1,000-yard season. Allen Pinkett, the rookie from Notre Dame, closed with decent games against Minnesota and Buffalo, but he is more of a straight-



ahead, accelerating runner. The draft also brought Spencer Tillman, who never did equal his first two seasons at Oklahoma.

Unless the running game develops, the Oilers are almost committed to a big-play passing offense, with Moon firing to Hill, Givens, and Jeffires. The team's best possession receiver, Tim Smith, was traded to San Diego







and the tight end, Jamie Williams, caught only 22 passes. Jeff Parks, hurt during his rookie season, will get a look at tight end.

The Oilers lost Frank Bush, whose career was ended by a spinal disorder. Johnny Meads, who had a fine year in 1985, slumped



badly last season. Robert Lyles, who Glanville says "is too small, too slow, and too weak

but plays better than he is," is the best of the outside linebackers. The inside backers, John Grimsley and Robert Abraham, are journeymen. Avon Riley is the top reserve. It's no wonder that the Oilers took speedy Walter Johnson of Louisiana Tech, Mark Dusbabek of Minnesota, Al Smith of Utah State, and Toby Caston of Louisiana State in the draft. Johnson, Dusbabek, and Caston are similar: relatively short but all over 230 pounds and all

hitters. Smith is particularly instinctive and Johnson had 12 sacks last season. One or two of them could start on the inside.

The defensive ends, Ray Childress and Richard Byrd, are quickly developing but are not particularly good pass rushers. Childress can be dominating against the run. Glanville wants Jesse Baker to lose weight and restrict himself to a pass-rushing role. Doug Smith can, in Glanville's view, "be a force." But he allows his weight to creep up to 300 and then he becomes far less effective. The draft brings Notre Dame's Robert Banks, who has pass-rush possibilities.

The secondary, very strong on man-for-man coverage and physical against the run, is one of the Oilers' stable areas. "Steve Brown has totally changed the way he plays," says Glanville. "He used to be a finesse guy, but now he's one of the most physical cornerbacks in the NFL. He's very tough against the run and good at executing the bump-and-run and knocking the pass receivers off their routes." Patrick Allen, the other corner, is a skilled cover man. Richard Johnson, a first-round draftee two years ago, is still a work in progress. The safeties, Keith Bostic and Bo Eason, are hard hitters and heady players. Bostic usually gets the toughest job in the Houston secondary.

Tony Zendeias hit six of seven field-goal attempts between the 40-and 49-yard lines last year and was 22-for-27 overall. Lee Johnson dropped 26 of his 88 punts inside the 20 and averaged 41.2 yards. The return game, however, is nothing special.



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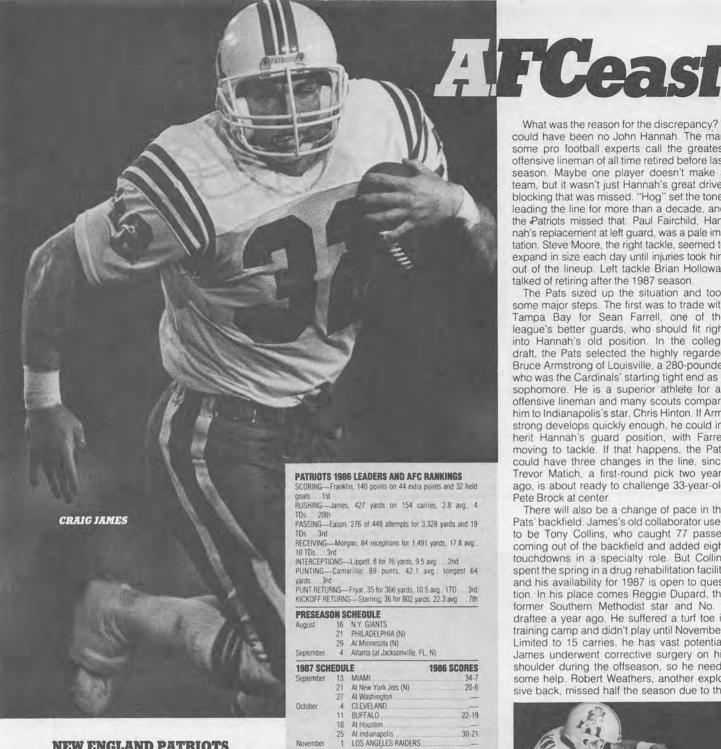
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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

The New England Patriots have so much talent that the football world virtually takes them for granted. The Patriots won the Eastern Division championship of the American Conference last year. They won 11 games and scored 412 points, second in the NFL. They came within five points of defeating Denver, the team that eventually represented the AFC in the Super Bowl, in the playoffs. The Pats' hopes for victory didn't end until Rulon Jones of the Broncos sacked quarterback Tony Eason for a safety late in the game. Yet New England still is treated as an afterthought.

The truth is that the Patriots are just a running game away from being the team that has almost everything. New England finished 28th, dead last, in running with the ball last year. But even that is a deceptive figure. In 1985, they were second in the AFC and sixth in the NFL in that same category. Last year they averaged 85.8 yards rushing per game. The year before the average was 145.7 yards. Craig James had the two best games for a Patriot runner in 1986, 70 yards each against Indianapolis and Miami. In 1985, James had 10 games better than that on his way to a 1,227-yard season. In 1986, no Patriot runner averaged more than 2.8 yards per carry. In 1985, the three main ball carriers all averaged more than four yards a carry. James averaged 4.7 yards.

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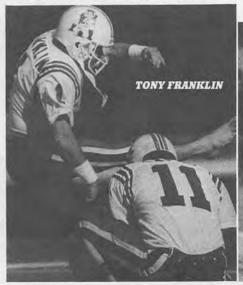
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NEW YORK JETS

What was the reason for the discrepancy? It could have been no John Hannah. The man some pro football experts call the greatest offensive lineman of all time retired before last season. Maybe one player doesn't make a team, but it wasn't just Hannah's great driveblocking that was missed. "Hog" set the tone, leading the line for more than a decade, and the Patriots missed that Paul Fairchild, Hannah's replacement at left guard, was a pale imitation. Steve Moore, the right tackle, seemed to expand in size each day until injuries took him out of the lineup. Left tackle Brian Holloway talked of retiring after the 1987 season.

The Pats sized up the situation and took some major steps. The first was to trade with Tampa Bay for Sean Farrell, one of the league's better guards, who should fit right into Hannah's old position. In the college draft, the Pats selected the highly regarded Bruce Armstrong of Louisville, a 280-pounder who was the Cardinals' starting tight end as a sophomore. He is a superior athlete for an offensive lineman and many scouts compare him to Indianapolis's star, Chris Hinton. If Armstrong develops quickly enough, he could inherit Hannah's guard position, with Farrell moving to tackle. If that happens, the Pats could have three changes in the line, since Trevor Matich, a first-round pick two years ago, is about ready to challenge 33-year-old Pete Brock at center.

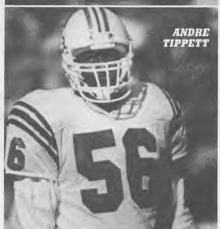
There will also be a change of pace in the Pats' backfield. James's old collaborator used to be Tony Collins, who caught 77 passes coming out of the backfield and added eight touchdowns in a specialty role. But Collins spent the spring in a drug rehabilitation facility and his availability for 1987 is open to question. In his place comes Reggie Dupard, the former Southern Methodist star and No. 1 draftee a year ago. He suffered a turf toe in training camp and didn't play until November. Limited to 15 carries, he has vast potential. James underwent corrective surgery on his shoulder during the offseason, so he needs some help. Robert Weathers, another explosive back, missed half the season due to the



aftereffects of an automobile accident. Mosi Tatupu is a valuable short-yardage man.

The Patriots produced 29 touchdowns, 3.954 yards, and 202 first downs via passing. Raymond Berry, the coach and Hall of Fame wide receiver, didn't like it. "We relied too much on the pass last season," he admitted. It was just too tempting. When the running game malfunctioned, the Patriots still had Tony Eason at quarterback throwing to such terrific wide receivers as Stanley Morgan, Irving Fryar, Stephen Starring, and Cedric Jones. Eason's 89.2 passer rating was fourth





in the NFL. He threw 19 TD passes. Morgan set a team record with 84 catches, which produced 1,491 yards, 10 touchdowns, and a 17.8-yard average. He went to the Pro Bowl. Frvar had 100-yard-plus games against Seattle and the New York Jets and caught a lastsecond touchdown pass to beat the Los Angeles Rams in Anaheim. Starring averaged 18.4 yards on his 16 catches. After Lin Dawson was ruled out for the season because of a knee injury suffered in the 1986 Super Bowl. rookie Greg Baty took over at tight end late in the season; the 6-5, 240-pounder averaged five catches during the last five games. Willie Scott, picked up as a free agent, caught three touchdown passes. The picture could change, however, if Dawson recovers well enough to play full time. His blocking is vital to the running game.

Defensively, there could be two changes in the line. Kenneth Sims missed most of the season at left end due to a recurring back injury. If he's healthy, he could shove Brent Williams, who started as a rookie, out of the lineup. Mike Ruth, last year's second-round pick, will battle Toby Williams for nose tackle if his knee is fully healed. The right end is Garin Veris, who had a team-high 11 sacks, knocked down seven passes, forced four fumbles and recovered two.

The main strength is the linebacking, which is talented and deep. Andre Tippett, the left outside backer, is generally regarded as one of the best in the AFC, but he missed five games due to a knee injury and his sack total dropped to 9½. Don Blackmon, outside on the right, had a better all-round season. Blackmon had seven sacks. This could be the year that the hard-hitting Johnny Rembert emerges as one of the league's better inside backers. Lawrence McGrew is his partner, unless 14-year veteran Steve Nelson fully recovers from his knee injury.

The Patriots have one of the strongest secondaries in the NFL. Raymond Clayborn was a Pro Bowl corner again and he shows no signs of weariness in his 10th pro season. Ronnie Lippett, the other corner, intercepted eight passes in his finest season. The safeties, strong-sider Roland James and free safety Fred Marion, are sure tacklers as well as skilled pass defenders. Marion had 95 solo tackles to lead the Pats. James had 89, second on the team. There is depth. Jim Bowman replaced James in a game against Denver

and had seven solo tackles. Rod McSwain intercepted Dan Marino in the closing seconds to preserve the season-ending victory over Miami.

Tony Franklin kicked more field goals, 32 of 41, than anyone in the NFL and ended up in the Pro Bowl. Punter Rich Camarillo averaged 42.1 yards, often in tough weather conditions. Fryar averaged 10.5 yards per punt return and took one back 59 yards for a touchdown. Starring averaged 22.3 on kickoff returns.

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48	Baty, Gren	TE	6-5	241	23		Stanford
94	Black Mel	IB	6-2	228		R	Eastern Illinois
55	Baty, Greg Black, Mel Blackmon, Don	IR	6.3	235	20	6	Tulsa
28	Bowman, Jim	C	6.2	210	24	6 2	Central Michigan
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20	Clayborn, Raymon	a CR	6-0	186	32	10	Texas
33	Collins, Tony	HB	5-11	212	28	6	East Carolina
63	Colton, George Dawson, Lin	. G	6-3			R	Maryland
87	Dawson, Lin	TE	6-3	240	28	6	N. C. State
23	Doid Piese	LB	0-2	240	27	4	New Hampshire
21	Dupard, Reggie Eason, Tony	RB	5-11	205	24	R	SMU
11	Eason, Tony	QB	6-4	212	28	4	Illinois
66	Fairchild, Paul Farrell, Sean	G	6-4	270	26	3	Kansas
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1	Franklin Tony	K	5-8	182	31	Я	Texas A&M
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43	Gibson Franct	CB	5.10	185	26	3	Furman
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68	Haley, Darryl	OI	C 4	265	26	4	
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27	Hawlhorne, Greg P	DIE	0-2	233	31	8	
97	Hodge, Millord	DL	6-3	2/8	26		Washington Stat
76	Holloway, Brian	. I	6-7	288	28	6	Stanford
51	Ingram, Brian	LB	6-4	235	28	5	Tennessee
32	Ingram, Brian James, Craig	RB	6-0	235 215	26	3	SMU
38	James, Roland Jones, Cedric Jones, Cletis	SS	6-2	191	29	7	Tennessee
83	Jones, Cedric	WR	6-1	184	27	5	Duke
35	Janes, Cletis	RB	5-10	217	23	R	Florida State
36	Jordan, Eric Keel, Mark	RB	6-0	190	26	1	Purdue
45	Keel Mark	TE	6-3	242	26	R	Arizona
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86	Morgan, Stanley	WR	5-11	181	32	10	Tennessee
75	Morriss, Guy	OL	6-4	275	36	14	TCU
57	Nelson, Steve	LB	6-2.	230	36		North Dakota St.
98	Owens, Dennis Plunkett, Art	DL	6-1	258	27		N C State
70	Plunkett, Art	T	6-8	282	28	6	UNLV
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12	Ramsey, Tom	QB	6-1	189	26	2	UCLA
52	Ramsey, Tom Rembert, Johnny Reynolds, Ed Ruth, Mike Scott, Willie	LB	6.3	234	26	4	Clemson
95	Reynolds, Ed	LB	6-5	242	26	4	Virginia
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56	Tippett, Andre	LB	6-3	241	28		lowa
60	Tatupu, Mosi Thomas, Gene Tippett, Andre Veris, Garin Weathers, Robert	DE	6-4	255	24	2	Stanford
24	Weathers, Robert	.RB	6-2	225	27	5	Arizona State
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96	Williams, Brent Williams, Derwin	DE	6-3	278	23	R	Toledo
82	Williams, Derwin	WR	6-1	185	26	2	New Mexico
54	Williams, Ed	LB	6-4	244	26	3	Texas





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1	Armstrong, Bruce G	6-4	260	Louisville
3	Perryman, Bob	6-1	232	Michigan
4	Gannon, Richard QB/RB	6-3	200	Delaware
4	Beasly, Derrick DB	6-2	195	Winston-Salerr
4	Jordan, Tim LB	6-3	221	Wisconsin
5	Villa, Danny OT	6-5	293	Arizona State
5	Gibson, Tom DE	6-8	265	No. Arizona
6	Taylor, Gene WR	6-2	190	Fresno State
11	Reveiz, Carlos PK	5-9	188	Tennessee
12	Davis, Elgin RB	6-4	190	Central Florida

61 Woolen, Ron



MIAMI DOLPHINS

Never underestimate the Dolphins as long as Don Shula is their coach and Dan Marino is their guarterback. The Dolphins are covered with imperfections. Their offense is out of balance and their defense is two miles past terrible. Halfway through last season, their obituary had been written. It was greatly exaggerated. With only the final weekend remaining, the Dolphins had made an incredible drive and were alive for postseason competition. There was no happy ending, however. They finished 8-8 and out of the playoffs.

A spectacular comeback would not be unusual for Shula. In 1976, Miami finished 6-8. A year later, the Dolphins were champions of the AFC East. In 1980, they finished 8-8. The following season, they were champions of the East again. Rising up just when it seems impossible is an old Miami fate, but Shula himself offered a word of caution.

"Just because we've done it in the past doesn't mean we'll come back strong," he said. "That 8-8 record is just about what we deserved. But we know how to come back. You have to get the right people. They have to work. And we all have to get the job done."

Shula's list of right people starts with Marino, football's most explosive passer. But the list, beyond Marino, is the coach's shortest in a long time. The defense must be upgraded from disastrous to semi-competent. Powered by Marino's right arm, the offense scored just under 27 points per game a year ago. In eight games, Miami's opponents scored 27 points or more. When San Diego went into a ninegame losing streak after its opening-day victory over Miami, Charger quarterback Dan Fouts was asked the reason for the offensive slump. "We haven't played the Dolphin de-

RUSHING-Hampton, 830 yards on 186 carries, 4.5 avg., 9 PASSING-Marino, 378 of 623 attempts for 4,746 yards and 44

RECEIVING-Duper, 67 receptions for 1,313 yards, 19.6 avg., 11

INTERCEPTIONS-Rose, 2 for 63 yards, longest 36

yards ... 40th PUNTING—Roby, 56 punts, 44.2 avg., longest 73 yards ... 2nd

PRESEASON SCHEDILLE

August	16	CHICAGO (N)
	24	At Denver (N)
	29	Al Philadelphia (N)
September	4	BUFFALO (N)

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September	13	At New England	7-34
	20	At Indianapolis	17-13
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October	4	At Seattle	
	11	KANSAS CITY	
	18	At New York Jets	
	25	BUFFALO	27-14
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	8	At Cincinnati	
	15	INDIANAPOLIS	
	22	At Dallas (N)	
	29	At Buffalo	
December	7	NEW YORK JETS (N)	45-3
	13	At Philadelphia	
	20	WASHINGTON (N)	
	28	NEW ENGLAND (N)	

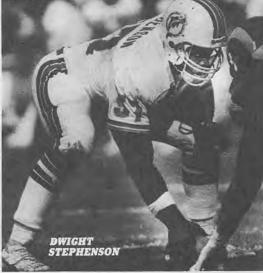
fense in a long time," explained Fouts. San Diego scored 50 points in that opener.

To help find a remedy, Shula hired Tom Olivadotti as his new defensive coordinator. Olivadotti held that title at the University of Miami when the Hurricanes won the national championship in 1983. He spent the last two years coaching the Cleveland Browns' defensive backs. Don't look for anything exotic. "I don't believe in a lot of blitzing," said Olivadotti. "I think you win with sound, basic defense.

Marino is amazing. His statistical line tells it all: 378 completed passes for 4,746 yards, 44 touchdowns, a 60.7 completion average, an interception ratio of just 3.7 percent, a mere 17 times sacked. The quarterback is football's reigning No. 1 gun.

Marino's principal collaborators, wide receivers Mark Duper and Mark Clayton, each had big seasons. Duper caught 67 passes for 1,313 yards, a 19.6-yard average, and 11 touchdowns. Clayton caught 60 for 1,150 yards, a 19.2 average, and 10 touchdowns. "They learn more about our offense each year, and more about what defenses try to do to them," said Shula. The third receiver, Nat Moore, caught seven touchdown passes among his 38 receptions. Moore is 36 years old, so the Dolphins took precautions against erosion by drafting Scott Schwedes of Syracuse, who has surprising deep speed and doubles as a return specialist. Schwedes can give Miami what Jimmy Cefalo used to give it. The Dolphins have another developing wide receiver in James Pruitt. Bruce Hardy had the





most productive season of any tight end in Miami history. He caught 54 passes for 430 yards and five touchdowns. Dan Johnson, a better blocker, caught only 19 passes, but four of them were for scores.

Running back Lorenzo Hampton was Marino's second-favorite receiver with 61 catches. Running back Tony Nathan, who gets into the game on long-yardage plays, caught 48 balls

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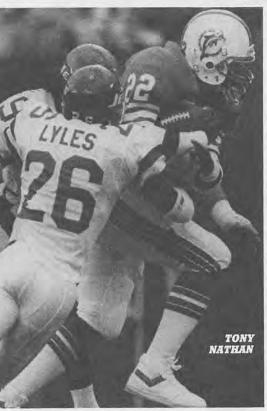
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a serious knee injury and Ronnie Lee, another guard, is bothered by nagging hurts. Larry Lee, a utility man, may end up starting. It will be another project year for the team's veteran offensive line coach, John Sandusky.

The first draft choice, John Bosa of Boston College, filled an obvious need: defensive end. It is a major weakness. Bosa is a tough, hard-working player who may not have enough quickness to improve the Miami pass rush, which is woeful. George Little and T.J. Turner, two youngsters, started at defensive end. Turner had two sacks and Little four, the high for a Miami lineman. Shula is whistling in the dark about a comeback for veteran nose tackle Bob Baumhower, since Mike Charles is undisciplined and inconsistent.

Hugh Green is the key to any improvement in the defense. The veteran linebacker suffered a knee injury that put him out for most of the season. A healthy Green can toughen the pass rush, make the pass defense more versatile, and plug a hole in the run defense. A healthy Green also could make the difference in qualifying for the playoffs.

The best news for Miami a year ago was the play of rookie linebacker John Offerdahl, who made the Pro Bowl. Offerdahl became the inside stopper. Shula has all but given up on one-time No. 1 draftee Jackie Shipp as an inside backer. A possible successor, huge Rick Graf of Wisconsin, was drafted in the second round. The Dolphins rated him far

higher than most other teams, but Graf will get his chance to start. The first challenge is outside backer Bob Brudzinski.

The safeties, Bud Brown at free and Glenn Blackwood at the strong side, are big hitters. Paul Lankford was developing as a corner before injuries knocked him out of the lineup for the last month. William Judson started every game at right corner. The big lift would come from veteran corner Don McNeal finally defeating his injury jinx.

Fuad Reveiz kicked only 14 of 22 field goals last year and he was a big risk beyond the 40-yard line. Punter Reggie Roby averaged 44.2 yards, but dropped only 13 kicks within the 20-yard line. The Dolphins look to Schwedes to give their return game a boost.

for 457 yards. Shula drafted insurance for Nathan in Boston College's Troy Stradford. For all the knocks against the running game, Shula calls Hampton, "one of the better all-purpose backs in the league." Lorenzo ran for 830 yards and nine touchdowns in his second pro season. Woody Bennett, whom Shula calls "the best blocker on the team," has a lock on the fullback position.

In the line, the good news is that center Dwight Stephenson and guard Roy Foster are almost automatic all-pros. The bad news is that injuries put question marks around the rest of the unit. Jon Giesler, the best tackle, missed most of the season due to a knee injury and is questionable. Jeff Dellenbach, another iffy player, has a chance to move ahead of journeyman pickup Greg Koch at the other tackle. Developing guard Steve Clark suffered





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1	Bosa, John DE	6-4	257	Boston College					
2	Graf, Rick LB	6-5	235	Wisconsin					
2	Schwedes, Scott WR	5-11	171	Syracuse					
4	Stradford, Troy WR	5-8	189	Boston College					
5	Conlin, Chris OT	6-4	280	Penn State					
6	Sellers, Lance CB	6-1	232	Boise State					
7	Brown, Tom RB	6-0	225	Pittsburgh					
8	Williams, Joel TE	6-2	240	Notre Dame					
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11	Mann, Terence DT	6-3	294	SMU					
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NEW YORK JETS

How do you figure the Jets? They are a team that runs the entire emotional gamut, missing almost nothing. Consider their 1986 season.

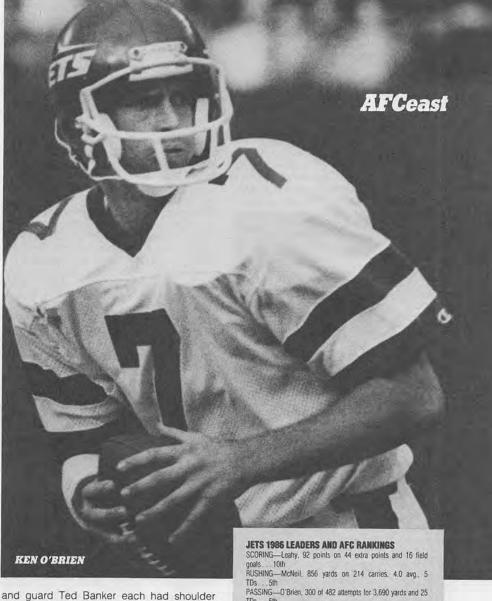
For starters, they won 10 of their first 11 games, including nine straight. The feature was a 51-45 shootout over Miami. That stretch produced pride and euphoria. Then there was the five-game losing streak that ended the season, the feature of which was a 45-3 blistering by Miami. The Jets backed into the playoffs and some fans were saying, "If they had a shred of decency, they would decline the berth." That ending produced shame and depression. Once they got into the playoffs, the Jets continued their inconsistent routine. They defeated Kansas City in the wild-card game, then lost to Cleveland in double overtime.

All of that makes New York the most difficult team in the American Conference to predict. Joe Walton, their coach, points to the Jets' injuries as the principal reason for their lateseason slump. Some of those injuries are what makes New York so iffy in 1987. Nose tackle Joe Klecko, around whom the defense is built, is recovering from a knee problem that threatens his career. Klecko dominates the inside game by tying up so many blockers. Lance Mehl, like Klecko a Pro Bowl player, also suffered a knee injury that required major surgery. He is the team's best linebacker.

That's not all. Defensive lineman Marty Lyons, one of the team's forceful leaders, had operations on both shoulders. Offensive tackle Reggie McElroy underwent reconstructive knee surgery. Offensive tackle Jim Sweeney







surgery. Mark Gastineau, the heart of the pass rush, missed five games because of groin and abdominal pulls. Those types of injuries can be lasting. The Jets need a lot of luck with rehabilitation. Without Gastineau, Klecko, Lyons, and Mehl near top form, there is no such thing as the "New York Sack Exchange.

When they are even moderately healthy, the Jets have some awesome offensive firepower. Walton refers to quarterback Ken O'Brien as "a coming star," and he gets few arguments. O'Brien has one of the highest quarterback ratings in the NFL over the last two seasons. He passed for 25 touchdowns and 3,690 vards last year. O'Brien's confidence level was on the rise and so was the team's confidence in him, but he slumped late in the season and was benched in the wild-card game.

"You can't name a pair of more dangerous receivers than Wesley Walker and Al Toon,' said Walton. No argument there. They caught 20 touchdown passes between them a year ago. Toon led the team with 85 catches, the most for an AFC wide receiver, for 1,176 yards, a 13.8-yard average, and eight touchdowns. Walker caught 49 passes for 1,016

RECEIVING-Toon, 85 receptions for 1,176 yards, 13.8 avg., 8 TDs...2nd INTERCEPTIONS—Holmes, 6 for 29 yards, 4.8 avg....6th PUNTING—Jennings, 85 punts, 39.4 avg., longest 55

yards ... 11th PUNT RETURNS—Sohn, 35 for 289 yards, 8.3 avg ... 9th KICKOFF RETURNS—Humphery, 28 for 655 yards, 23.4 avg.,

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

15 PHILADELPHIA (N) 22 At Tampa Bay (N) 29 At N.Y. Giants (N) 4 Al San Diego (N)

1987 SCH	EDU	LE	1986 SCORES
September	13	At Buffalo	28-24
	21	NEW ENGLAND (N)	
	27	At Pittsburgh	24-45
October	4	DALLAS	
	11	At Indianapolis	
	18	MIAMI.	(OT) 51-45
	25	At Washington	
November	1	INDIANAPOLIS	31-16
	9	SEATTLE (N)	38-7
	15	At Kansas City	
	22		14-13
	29	CINCINNATI	21-52
December	7	At Miami (N)	
	13	At New England	31-24
	20	PHILADELPHIA	
	27	At New York Giants	

yards, a 20.7-yard average, and 12 TDs, the most for any AFC receiver. To leaven the passing attack, O'Brien has rugged tight end Mickey Shuler, who caught 69 passes for 675 yards and four touchdowns. Toon and Shuler went to the Pro Bowl.

It doesn't end there. Freeman McNeil, when he maintains his health, is among the foremost running backs in the NFL. He gained 856 yards in an abbreviated season. His new partner may be Roger Vick, the Texas A&M fullback the Jets made their top draft selection.

There is depth, too. With O'Brien on the bench in the playoffs, Pat Ryan played quarterback. He completed 64.7 percent of his passes for four touchdowns without an interception. He had a 126.6 rating in the postseason. When McNeil was hurt, Johnny Hector

AL TOON



gained 605 yards and scored eight TDs. Both McNeil and Hector are good receivers.

The Jets shot blanks in the 1986 draft, using their first two picks for offensive linemen who did not produce. But then Dan Radakovich, who moved from the defensive staff to coach the offensive line, switched players to new positions and got better results from the line until injuries struck. The ideal lineup would be Joe Fields at center, Dan Alexander and Banker at

guard, with Sweeney and McElroy at tackle. That means three starters—McElroy, Banker, and Sweeney—are returning from offseason surgeries. Fields also missed eight games last year due to injury. The only healthy lineman, Alexander, was a Pro Bowl alternate.

Defensively, there is an entire catalog of worries. Even if all the wounded linemen recovered sufficiently, there is still the age factor. Klecko is 33, tackle Barry Bennett is 32, Gastineau and Lyons 30. The Jets had just 28 sacks a year ago. The draft brought no help. Tom Baldwin filled in for Klecko at nose tackle and Walton was reduced to importing 35-year-old Derland Moore for the playoffs after he had been released by New Orleans.

There was help in the draft for the linebacking unit. The Jets picked big Alex Gordon on the second round. The University of Cincinnati star could allow defensive coordinator Bud Carson to switch Bob Crable inside until Mehl is able to return to the lineup. In the third round they selected Onzy Elam, an undersized but swift blitzer from Tennessee State. Kyle Clifton and Kevin McArthur are incumbents inside, with Rusty Guilbeau on the weak side. Troy Benson and Matt Monger have played some.

The Jets allowed 35 touchdown passes and an average of 274.3 yards per-game passing in 1986. Then Johnny Lynn flunked his spring physical examination and had to retire. The future is in the hands of young players. Russell Carter, once considered a prospective all-pro cornerback, has never approached that level.





The other corner, Jerry Holmes, returned to the team at midseason after a hitch in the USFL. Lester Lyles, the strong safety, is mostly potential. Free safety Harry Hamilton has leadership qualities if he produces on the field. Holmes led the team with six interceptions. The draft added cornerback Kirby Jackson of Mississippi State.

Pat Leahy missed only three field goals, kicking 16 of 19. He was 2-for-2 in the playoffs. Punter Dave Jennings dropped 27 kicks inside the 20-yard line and averaged 39.4 yards per boot. The Jets have two of the best kickoff-returners in Bobby Humphery and JoJo Townsell. Humphery averaged 23.4 yards and Townsell 24.8. Each returned a kick for a touchdown. Kurt Sohn, a valuable utility man, does clutch work on punt returns.

jets veteran Roster	JETS	VETERAL	N ROSTER
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no. name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	callege
60 Alexander, Dan	G	6-4	268	32	10	LSU
43 Amoia, Vince	RB	5-11	220	24	R	Arizona State
95 Baldwin, Tom .			270	26	3	Tulsa
63 Banker, Ted	.OL	6-2	265	26	3	SE Missouri
31 Barber, Marion	FB	6-3	228	28	5	Minnesota
78 Bennett, Barry				32	9	Concordia
54 Benson, Troy			235	24	1	Pittsburgh
64 Bingham, Guy	OL	6-3	260		7	Montana
22 Bruckner, Nick	RB	5-11	185	26	5	Syracuse
27 Carter, Russell	DB		195		3	SMU
59 Clifton, Kyle	IB	6-4	230		3	TCU
50 Crable, Bob	I.B.	6-3	230		5	Notre Dame
52 Crawford, Tim		6-4		25	R	Texas Tech
30 Faaola, Nuu	RR	5-11			R	Hawaii
65 Fields, Joe		6-2		34	12	Widener
		6-2			3	Ohio State
		6-5	270		8	
99 Gastineau, Mai 35 Glenn, Kerry		5-9		25	3	Minnesota
				25	2	Virginia
81 Griggs, Billy						McNeese St.
94 Guilbeau, Rust				29		
79 Haight, Mike.		6-4		25		
39 Hamilton, Harr				25		Penn State
84 Harper, Michael				26		Southern Cal
34 Hector, Johnny				27	4	Texas A&M
47 Holmes, Jerry				30		West Virginia
28 Howard, Carl				26		Rutgers
48 Humphrey, Bo				26		New Mex. St.
13 Jennings, Davi	e. P	6-4	200		13	St. Lawrence
30 Jones, J. "Lan	" WR	5-11		29		Texas
72 King, Gordon	OL	6-6	270	31	8	Stanford
73 Klecko, Joe	DL	6-3		34		Temple
89 Klever, Rocky	TE	6-3	228	28	4	Montana
5 Leahy, Pat	K	6-0	200	36	13	St. Louis
26 Lyles, Lester.	DB	6-3	218	3 25	2	Virginia
93 Lyons, Marry	DL	6-5		30		Alabama
57 McArthur, Kev			230	24	. 1	Lamar
68 McElroy, Rego				27		W. Texas St
24 McNeil, Freem		5-1		28		UCLA
56 Mehl, Lance .		6-3		3 29		Penn State
36 Miano, Rich		6-0		25		
74 Moore, Derlan		6-4		36		
58 Monger, Matt		6-1		3 26		
7 O'Brien, Ken		6-4		3 27		Cal-Davis
49 Paige, Tony		5-11		5 25		
10 Ryan, Pat	00			32		
82 Schuler, Micke	W TE	6-3				Penn State
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87 Sohn, Kurt	- Wh					
21 Springs, Kirk				7 29		
53 Sweeney, Jim		6-4		25		Pittsburgh
88 Toon, Al	WH	6-4		5 24		
83 Townsell, JoJa		5-9		27		
70 Waldemore, S				32		
85 Walker, Wesle	y WR	6-0	18	2 32	10	California

	DRAFTEES							
rd	name pos	ht	Wt	college				
1	Vick, Roger RB	6-3	220	Texas A&M				
2	Gordon, Alex LB	6-4	243	Cincinnati				
3	Elam, Onzy LB	6-2	215	Tennessee St.				
5	Jackson, Kirby DB	6-1	180	Mississippi St.				
6	Martin, Tracy WR	6-2	190	North Dakota				
7	Nichols, Gerald NT	6-1	267	Florida State				
8	Hunter, Eddie RB	5-10	193	Virginia Tech				
8	Rice, Mike P	6-0	195	Montana				
9	McClean, Ron DE	6-3	255	Fullerton St.				
10	Lewis, Sid DB	5-11	180	Penn State				
11	Timmer, Kirk LB	6-2	228	Montana St.				
12	Ransdell, Bill QB	6-1	214	Kentucky				

BUFFALO BILLS

It won't be easy to get the Bills out of the funk in which they have resided for the last 3½ seasons. Their 1987 schedule, measured by number of playoff teams met and 1986 wonlost percentage of their foes, is the most difficult in the AFC.

The first thing the players will have to do is get acquainted with one another. Jim Kelly, the quarterback whom Bills' followers expect to be the team's eventual savior, didn't arrive until a week before opening day last year. Marv Levy, the new coach, took over after the ninth game. There may be as many as seven lineup changes before the '87 opener, but for a team that won only 10 games since midseason of 1983, it is understandable. Levy's immediate task will be to field a team that is up to the standards of Kelly's play.

The best news for 1987 is the composition of Levy's new coaching staff and the defensive reinforcements acquired in the draft. The new quarterback coach and passing-game coordinator is Ted Marchibroda, former head coach of the Baltimore Colts. Marchibroda will try to establish the same sort of rapport with Kelly that he had with Bert Jones in Baltimore. Kelly did not get on well with his coaches during his first NFL season. To tutor the pass receivers, Levy brought in Ted Tollner, the exhead coach of the University of Southern California, who became accustomed to pro-style passing attacks during hitches with Brigham Young University and San Diego State. The new defensive coordinator and linebacker coach is Walt Corey, who held the same position with Kansas City. The new special teams' coach is Bruce DeHaven, who built a good reputation in the USFL. The Bills could improve on the strength of the coaching alone.

Corey could have the most difficult job, since Levy admitted, "We have a weak defensive team." The defense slipped from 17th to 24th in the NFL. The pass defense was next to last and the Bills had the fewest interceptions in the league (10). They gave up a club-record 4,069 yards. Under Corey, Buffalo will be a more aggressive, attacking defense.

To help implement the new style, the Bills used five of their first six draft picks for defensive players. They started with Penn State's All-America linebacker, Shane Conlan, then used two second-round selections to draft cornerbacks Nate Odomes of Wisconsin and Roland Mitchell of Texas Tech, both track stars. They took Memphis State's blitzing linebacker David Brandon in the third round and Jackson State's "Dr. Sack," Leon Seals, in the fourth. All should start, or at least become key role players. Conlan already is penciled in as the starting strong-side linebacker. Odomes will be a first-string corner. Mitchell has possibilities as a nickel back, as the free safety, or even at a corner. Brandon will be tried in passing situations as a weak-side linebacker and Seals, who had 31 sacks in the last three seasons, could play end opposite Bruce Smith when the Bills use a four-man line.

"We're going to make things a lot simpler, as we did in Kansas City," said Corey. "We're not giving them so much to think about. I think they'll have a lot of fun with our style."

Unleashing the defense should suit Smith. He had 15 sacks in 1986, as Buffalo's total rose from a meager 25 to 36. It should help nose tackle Fred Smerlas, too, who had his best season since his Pro Bowl days in the

early 1980s. Corey has high hopes about two other Buffalo defenders. Inside linebacker Jim Haslett returns after missing the entire season with a broken leg. Cornerback Derrick Burroughs, a first-round choice two years ago, has been out of the lineup often with nagging injuries. Sean McNanie, who had 6½ sacks, starts at left end. Eugene Marve, who led the team with 156 tackles, starts alongside Haslett at inside backer. Darryl Talley switches to the weak side, with ex-USFLer Dwight Drane at strong safety and free safety a battle among Ron Pitts. Mitchell, and Mark Kelso.

The offense begins and ends with Kelly. Considering that he was forced to undergo on-the-job training, he did remarkably well in his NFL debut. He threw for 250 yards or more in seven games during his rookie year. He passed for 3,593 yards and 22 touchdowns in all. He was intercepted 17 times, a manage-

BILLS 1986 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Norwood, 83 points on 32 extra points and 17 field goals . . . 13th RUSHING—Riddick, 632 yards on 150 carries, 4.2 avg., 4

PASSING—Kelly, 285 of 480 altempts for 3,593 yards and 22

RECEIVING—Reed, 53 receptions for 739 yards, 13.9 avg., 7 TDs 23rd

INTERCEPTIONS—Romes, 4 for 23 yards, 5.8 avg. .. 18th PUNTING—Kidd, 75 punts, 40.4 avg., longest 57 yards. .. 8th PUNT RETURNS—Pitts, 18 for 194 yards, 10.8 avg., 1 TD

KICKOFF RETURNS—Harmon, 18 for 321 yards, 17.8 avg. 19th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

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	8	DENVER	
	15	At Cleveland	
	22	At New York Jets	13-14
	29	MIAMI	
December	6	At Los Angeles Raiders	
	13	At Indianapolis	
	20	NEW ENGLAND	3-23
	27	At Philadelphia	ARREST FRANCES

JIM KELLY

able 3.5 percentage. His 83.3 rating was seventh in the AFC. The major criticism was that he was intercepted at some crucial times late in close games. But the truth is that the Bills wouldn't have been in contention late in those games if it hadn't been for Kelly. Most of what the Bills did on offense was a matter of Kelly's individual ability. He got little help from Buffalo's departed coaches.

His two young receivers, Andre Reed and Chris Burkett, start just their third pro seasons. Both played at small schools-Reed at Kutztown State and Burkett at Jackson State-and had to learn a great deal about techniques. They could be close to maturing as pros. Reed had 53 catches a year ago, Burkett 34. and tight end Pete Metzelaars 49. Burkett is a big-play receiver. He averaged 22.9 yards per catch, third in the NFL. He collaborated with Kelly on 84- and 75-vard touchdowns against Cincinnati and Cleveland and 29 of his catches were for first downs. Levy also hopes that veteran Jerry Butler, who broke his leg catching a touchdown pass a year ago, has something left.

Greg Bell gets another chance to produce as the No.1 running back. He finished the season in Levy's doghouse after spending most of the last eight games on injured reserve with

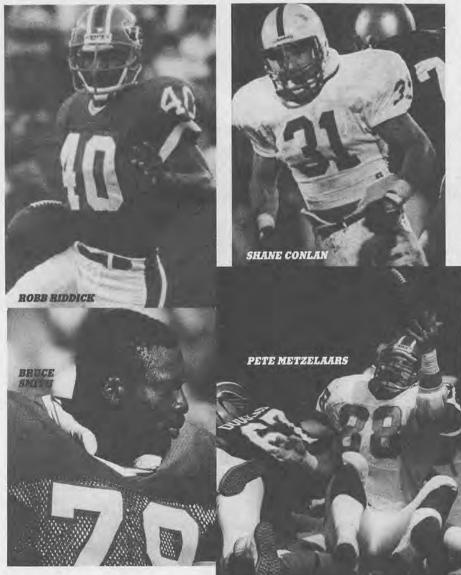
groin injuries. But last year's first-round draft pick, Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon was a disappointing rookie, so Bell gets a reprieve. He was a 1,000-yard rusher as a rookie three years ago but finished with just 377 yards and 12 catches in 1986. He caught 58 passes the season before. Harmon had 54 carries for 172 yards and a 3.2-yard average. The surprise was journeyman Robb Riddick, who got his chance to play when Bell was hurt. Riddick gained 632 yards, caught 49 passes for 468 additional yards, and generally made himself valuable. Carl Byrum established himself as a comer at fullback in the second half of his rookie season. To make sure about the position, the Bills drafted smallcollege star Jamie Mueller of Benedictine, who averaged eight yards a carry over a three-year career.

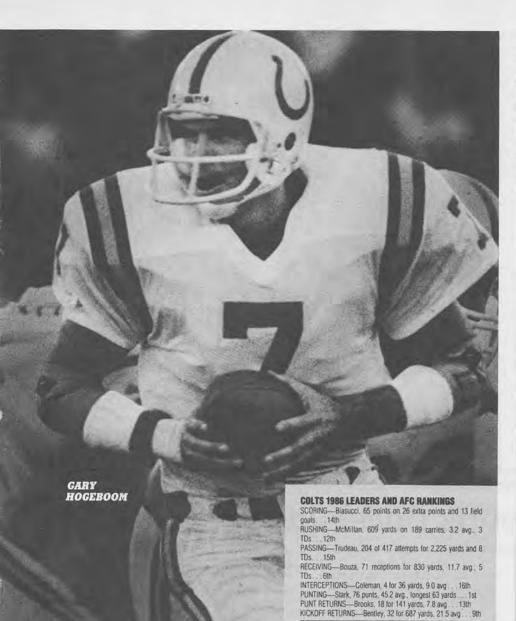
The offensive line, which allowed Kelly to be sacked 43 times last year, is in a state of change. The right side is the more stable. Will Wolford, another first-rounder from the 1986 draft, was a popular choice for the all-rookie teams at guard. Tackle Joe Devlin, an 11-year-veteran, still plays well. Center Kent Hull, signed as a free agent after the USFL went down, improved as the year went on and he picked up some bulk. Both left guard Jim Ritcher and left tackle Ken Jones will be challenged. Greg Christy, a huge prospect who has been hampered by injuries, will push Jones and Tim Vogler will press Ritcher.

Punter John Kidd had an inconsistent year, but he averaged 40.4 yards and knows how to boot in Buffalo's late-season weather. Placekicker Scott Norwood had 17 field goals in 27 attempts, but he finished in a slump and is vulnerable. Pitts averaged 10.8 yards a punt return, but the kickoff-return crew averaged under 20 yards.









INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

How much value is there in carryover enthusiasm from one season to another? In the case of the Indianapolis Colts, who managed a 180-degree turn last December, the answer could be that the value is enormous. The Colts lost their first 13 games last season. They were flirting with a number of negative records when owner Robert Irsay fired the head coach, Rod Dowhower, and replaced him with Ron Meyer. The Colts didn't lose another game, scoring upsets over Atlanta, Buffalo, and the Los Angeles Raiders in their final three contests

There is no question that there was an element of luck in the turnaround. A critical penalty, which allowed Indianapolis to keep the ball rather than turn it over to the Falcons, was the key to the victory over Atlanta. An Indy punt that struck a Buffalo blocker in the foot, permitting the Colts to retain possession and keep the ball away from rallying Buffalo. saved the victory over the Bills. In the finale, the Colts caught a Raider team that had been

deflated by the knowledge they were eliminated from the playoffs. Still, a 3-0 finish is noth-

No one ever called Meyer a genius when he coached the New England Patriots, although he had a winning record at the time he was fired. "I'm still bitter about that," he admitted. But he seemed to be just what the Colts needed, even though he came from an unlikely source-he was working as an agent for players when Irsay hired him. Meyer made one major decision that was central to Indy's fast finish. He decided to activate veteran quarterback Gary Hogeboom, who had been sidelined since early in the season. Hogeboom's play was the feature of the finishing kick. He threw six touchdowns, completed 61.9 percent of his passes, and gained 725 yards in those last three games. The startling factor in those victories was that the Colts trailed at the

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no.	name pos	s ht	wt	age	exp	college
57	Ahrens, Dave LE	6-3	245	29	7	Wisconsin
79	Armstrong, Harvey NT	6-3	261	28	5	
72	Baldischwiler, Karl 01		276	31	9	Oklahoma
81	Beach, Pat TE			28		Washington St.
20	Bentley, Albert RE	5-1	1 215			Miami
4	Riscurci Doan	6-0				Western Carolin
50	Biasucci, Dean	0-0				
00	Bickett, Duane LE Bouza, Matt WF	6-5	244			Southern Cal
85	Bouza, Malt Wh	6-3	215			California
84	Boyer, Mark TE	6-4				Southern Cal
80	Brooks, Bill WF	1 5-1			2	Boston U.
14	Brotzki, Bob Ul	6-5	269	25	2	Syracuse
68	Broughton, Willie N7	6-5	282	23	3	Miami
71	Call, Kevin01	6-7	288	26	4	Colorado St.
67	Caron Roger 01	6-5	292	25		Harvard
47	Caron, Roger OT Clinkscale, Dextor S	5-1			7	S.C. St.
31	Coleman, Leonard . S	6-2	211		3	
	Cooks, Johnie LB					Mississippi St.
	Daniel, Eugene CB					LSU
23	Daniel, Kenny CB	5-10	180		4	San Jose State
53	Donaldson, Ray	6-4	281			Georgia
44	Gill, Owen FB	6-1	230	25	3	lowa
25	Glasgow, Nesby FS	5-11	191	30	9	Washington
90	Haines John DI	6-7	266	26		Texas
78	Hand, Jon DE Harbour, James WF	6-6	280			Alabama
87	Harhour James WR	6-0	192		2	Mississippi
	Hicks, Dwight S	6-1	192			Michigan
75	Hinton, Chris OT/G	6-4				
			285			Northwestern
7	Hogeboom, Gary QB	6-4	200			Cent. Michigan
21	Holt, John CB	5-1				W. Texas State
56	Hunley, LaMonte LB	6-2	238	24	3	Arizona
94	Kellar, Scott NT	6-3	278	24	2	Northern III.
5	Kiel, Blair QB	6-0	200	26	3	Notre Dame
63	Kirchner, Mark OT		265			Baylor
55	Kraus, Barry LB		253		9	Alabama
92	Leiding, Jeff LB	6.3	232			Texas
0.750	Lowry, Orlando LB		238			Ohio State
88	Martin, Robbie WR	5.0			7	
	Martin, Robbie . WR McMillan, Randy . FB	0-0	107	29		Cal Poly-SLO
32	McMillan, Randy FB	0-0	220	29	7	Pittsburgh
86	Murray, Waller WR	6-4	200		2	Hawaii
93	Odom, Cliff LB	6-2	241		7	Texas-Arlington
35	Randle, Tate DB	6-0	204		6	Texas Tech
58	Redd, Glen LB	6-1	232	29	6	Brigham Young
83	Sherwin, TimTE		246	29		Boston College
66	Solt. Ron OG	6-3	283		4	Maryland
3	Solt, Ron OG Stark, Rohn P	6-3	212		6	Florida State
99	Thompson, Donnell DE		269		7	North Carolina
10	Trudeau, Jack QB		207	25	2	Illinois
64	IIII Don OC	6.6	281	20	6	
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3	Bennett, Cornelius	.OT	6-7		35	lowa
4	Dixon, Randy	OT	6-4		36	Pittsburgh
5	Banks, Roy	WR	5-11		90	E. Illinois
6	Robinson, Freddie	DB	6-0		35	Alabama
7	Bellini, Mark	WH	5-11		35	Brigham Young
8	Miller, Chuck	DB.	5-8		78	UCLA
9	Ontko, Bob	. LB	6-3		33	Penn State
10	Goode, Chris	DB	6-0	2	56	Alabama
44	Reynosa, Jim		6-4		56	Arizona State
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half in each of them. They outscored the opposition, 69-13, in the second halves. The carryover benefits may include strong psychological value.

There had been no tippling of champagne nor dancing in the locker room when the news arrived that Meyer had been hired to replace the popular Dowhower. Meyer's reputation as a martinet in New England had preceded him. Dowhower had run a sort of laissez-faire oper-

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ing to be dismissed lightly

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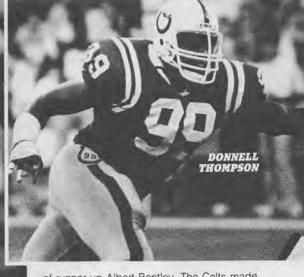
ation, which was fine with the players despite the 0-13 start. But their perception of Meyer changed for the better after the three victories, particularly in view of the three comebacks. He is seen as a potential savior.

Now the Colts have another thing in their favor, the fifth-place schedule. They will play such weak teams as the St. Louis Cardinals, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and a home-andhome series with the San Diego Chargers. According to opponents' won-lost percentage during 1986, it is the easiest schedule in the NFL. The outlook got even brighter on draft day when the Colts ended up with a bona fide superstar, Alabama linebacker Cornelius Bennett, who could be the Hoosier Dome's version of Lawrence Taylor. Bennett is the same sort of dominant destroyer Taylor is, according to the man who coached them both, Raymond Perkins, Tampa Bay's new coach.

The Colts have been investing high draft choices on defenders for several years. Their No. 1 pick from 1985, outside linebacker Duane Bickett, was their sack leader and most valuable defensive player last season. End Jon Hand, a teammate of Bennett's at Alabama, was a disappointment at first after Indy made him its initial pick in 1986, but in the end, Hand was the team's best lineman.

Not that the Colts don't have a multitude of problems. For one, Randy McMillan, their starting fullback, was struck by a car in his native Maryland in late April. He is almost certain to miss the entire season. McMillan led the team in rushing with 609 yards, 258 ahead





of runner-up Albert Bentley. The Colts made no provision for replacing McMillan in the draft so Owen Gill and George Wonsley will get a lot more work this fall.

Another problem is the availability of veteran inside linebacker Barry Krauss, who suffered a serious knee injury. He required reconstructive surgery a year ago and could be finished with football. The injury to Krauss and the coming of Bennett could force the movement of one of the starting outside linebackers to the inside. The logical one is Johnie

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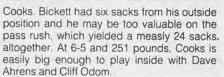
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Leonard Coleman and Eugene Daniel at the corners, Nesby Glasgow at strong safety, and ex-49er Dwight Hicks at free.

With Hogeboom back, the offensive strength is in the passing game. Bill Brooks was one of last season's top rookies, catching 65 passes for 1,131 yards and eight touchdowns. With Brooks worrying the opposition defenses, Matt Bouza got more opportunities to get open and he caught 71 passes (five for touchdowns), more than any wide receiver in Colt history except Hall of Famer Raymond Berry, Meyer's successor as head coach of the Patriots. Journeyman Pat Beach is the starting tight end. A competent blocker, he caught 25 passes last year.

The draft did help the offensive line. The Colts made Chris Gambol of Iowa their thirdround pick, and he could end up battling Ron Solt and Mark Kirchner for one of the guard jobs. The fourth-round selection was Randy Dixon of Pitt, who may have been a steal that far down in the draft. He was ticketed to go much higher. Dixon will challenge right tackle Kevin Call. The solid positions are center, with veteran Ray Donaldson, and left tackle, with Chris Hinton. Both were named to the Pro Bowl. The Colts may have wasted a secondround choice. They traded it to Washington a year ago for wide receiver Walter Murray, who held out on the Redskins. Murray was a washout for the Colts, catching only two passes.

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ing them, 14–13, and went the length of the field and scored with 20 seconds left. But I think in other people's eyes I did come of age, just because of the magnitude of the game. Those are the types of things where you start to get respect from the public and writers."

The Drive, unaided by penalties or questionable circumstances of any kind, culminated with Mark Jackson's catch in the end zone to send the game into overtime, where Rich Karlis won it with a field goal. The Drive instantly became a point of reference not only for Elway's career, but for thousands of Denver zealots who had waited nine years for another Super Bowl.

"It's something that's always going to be remembered—something I'll definitely cherish, that's for sure," Elway said. "I watched it quite a bit on videotape just to get the impact of what it was all about...and I remember everything that was going through my mind. Actually, after the game was over, I couldn't have gone play by play and told you what went on. It happened so fast."

That fast, the isolated public misgivings about Elway's value as a pro quarterback were laid to rest. Earlier that week, one Cleveland columnist had called Elway "overrated." He wasn't the lirst, but he might be the last.

"I guess any time they're writing like that you have something to prove," Elway admitted. "That made the drive that much better. It got me over the hump. People always thought I was a good quarterback...but. There was a lot of doubt about that. The nice thing about this is that it's only going to get better with time, like that five-pound fish that turns into a 20-pounder five years later."

Some publications fishing for preseason prognostications tabbed the Broncos as the American Conference representative to the Super Bowl. They hinged their thinking on two things: Denver's traditionally solid defense and John Elway.

For anyone who put stock in preseason games, the Broncos' inaugural clash with the less than titanic New Orleans Saints must have caused second thoughts. Denver lost, 10–7, and head coach Dan Reeves, no doubt thinking of all the wonderful adjectives written about his team in those preseason previews, reacted: "Welcome to reality," he said. But the New Orleans loss, while perhaps a healthy serving of humble pie, didn't exactly lead to panic in Broncoland.

"I think we all looked at the preseason the same," said Elway. "We've never played well the first preseason game since I've been here, so that doesn't carry too much weight. We look at how we finish, and we played great against the Rams in our last preseason game. That's more or less the way we want it. We know that with the type of offense we have, as many players as we play, it's going to take us time to get into it.

"We never look at the predictions. My second and third year we were picked to finish fourth and fifth in the division and we go 13-3 and win it one year and the next year we just miss the playoffs with 11-5. I guess we looked at the Super Bowl talk and said, 'Maybe we're getting some respect now.' But we have to

stay within ourselves. If we tried to live up to

what people expect of us in Denver, let alone the national media, it would be tough enough. We strive to make the goals we set for ourselves. We all know sportswriters are never right anyway—except maybe last year."

The sportswriters were looking pretty sagacious for the first nine weeks of the season, when Denver piled up an 8-1 record and seemed all but untouchable. The momentum started rolling almost immediately with a 38-36 home-field victory over the hated Los Angeles Raiders. It was in that game that the first innovative wrinkles in Reeves' offensive scheme made themselves known. During stormier times in Elway's first two seasons, Reeves purposely had simplified the offense for the young quarterback, But when Elway caught a touchdown pass from halfback Steve Sewell just before halftime to bring Denver back from a 19-7 deficit, something about this offense obviously had changed. It was

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only the first game, but it provided the first hint of Elway's emergence.

"It was a very big game and we knew it was," Elway said. "We had them at home and they were the team to beat. That really got us going—especially offensively because we scored a lot of points against a good defense. We were down and came back."

The second critical point of the season came only three weeks later, when Elway concocted a different sort of comeback. Against defending AFC champion New England the Denver quarterback performed so poorly in the first half that not only did the Broncos trail, 13–3, but the Mile High masses chanted for his understudy, Gary Kubiak.

"It was so bad—so bad—I thought, 'How the heck can you play that bad?' "he recalled. "I was almost knocking my head on the wall in the locker room at halftime. I didn't have a rhythm going. I started out trying to aim the ball. Then I said, forget it, I'm going to rear back and just throw it. I started throwing it in the dirt. I went in at halftime and just forgot about the first half and started over. I never even played that bad in practice."

Elway wasted little time in atoning for his sins. On the first drive of the third quarter, he put the Broncos into the end zone. He followed with drives of 68 and 47 yards as Denver surged to a 27–20 win. Individually, it was the most intense adversity Elway had experienced since his rookie season. And this time, he conquered it.

"I proved a lot to myself, that even if I'm having a bad day, I can come back and somehow get a win out of it," he said. "That's what we did. We always knew we had the firepower to come back. It was just a matter of working to get on track. Looking back, it was a real big step."

By week 12, Elway was ready to take another big step. A Giant step. Although after their 19–16 loss to New York the Broncos were mired in a win-one/lose-one syndrome, their

second defeat of the season, in the Meadowlands, wasn't without its redeeming qualities. Denver moved the ball well against the Giants—indeed, Elway passed for 336 yards but couldn't put it into the end zone. The Giants, on the other hand, were held without an offensive touchdown for the only time all season. It was a tight game decided by a field goal in the final seconds—a fitting prelude, it seemed, to a possible Super Bowl matchup a few weeks down the road.

"After that game I went up to [New York quarterback Phil] Simms and told him, 'Maybe we'll see you guys later,'" Elway recounted. "They were such a great team and we moved the ball well against one of the top defenses in the league. Later, that gave us confidence going into the Super Bowl. There are other teams that give us more problems, but no team that had the athletes they had. You don't have to be as perfect against a team that takes a lot of chances as you do against a basic team that says, 'Here we are, come beat us.'"

So Elway could work wonders even against the most sinister defenses. He had passed another test, and thought of getting another crack at the Giants in Pasadena. But there were still AFC tests to be passed, comparisons to be survived for the umpteenth time. If it wasn't his ties to the class of '83 that Elway was living down, it was a guy from the class of '84, Cincinnati's Boomer Esiason. "A lefthanded Elway," they said. "Mirror images." And on the field the two quarterbacks were equally spectacular. Esiason passed for 306 yards, Elway for 228. It was Elway's legs that ultimately preserved Denver's 34-28 victory. On third-and-14 at midfield, with the Broncos desperately needing a first down to keep the ball out of Esiason's hands and run out the clock, Elway ran a quarterback draw-a play Reeves called successfully throughout the season. Elway got the first down and, for a moment at least, the latest in a seemingly endless line of comparisons was given a rest.

"There have been so many comparisons," said Elway, shaking his head at the thought. "You just do your job. I'm asked to do certain things in my situation here whereas Boomer's asked to do different things in his situation, as Marino and O'Brien are. More than anything, I'm flattered at least to be part of it, because they're all great quarterbacks. It bothered me at first, but they're different situations, different teams. You can let so many different things bother you if you believe everything you read.

"It's a learning process. I was having so many problems just with what I was trying to do here my first year that I had enough worries without worrying about how I compared to those other guys."

If there was a sad irony to Denver's emergence as the AFC's premier team and Elway's emergence from the shadow of doubt, it was that the Giants' Simms—much maligned during his formative years in New Jersey—upstaged him in the Super Bowl. Perhaps it's just that Elway must wait his turn to purge himself of the demons that masquerade as great expectations. There is always this year, when the Broncos again stand a reasonable chance of challenging for supremacy in a league ever approaching parity. And again, those chances—as well as all conjecture about a return trip to the Super Bowl—begin and end with the same two words.

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What Kosar did in the biggest game in Cleveland in 17 years has the Browns confident it won't take them another 17 to return.

"His greatest strength is his mind, and that can do nothing but improve," said Ernie Accorsi, the Browns' executive V.P. who choreographed the shrewd acquisition of Kosar.

The Browns crawled on a long limb to obtain the quarterback they hoped would return them to their long-lost glory days. Not only did they surrender four draft picks—two No. 1s, a three, and a six—to the Buffalo Bills for Kosar's supplemental rights, they also had to sweat out a vehement appeal to commissioner Pete Rozelle waged by the Houston Oilers and Minnesota Vikings. Houston had traded Kosar's regular draft rights to Minnesota. After hearing arguments from both sides, Rozelle ruled that Kosar, because he had graduated, could choose his draft and, thus, his team.

Kosar warmed the heart of team owner Art. Modell by saying he wanted to play in Cleveland. "It's a marriage made in heaven," warbled Modell. After a mildly rocky honeymoon, each party is enjoying wedded bliss.

In only his second professional season and his 28th NFL start, Kosar led his wide-eyed team to the brink of the Super Bowl. He had the Browns ahead by 20–13 until Elway, in one awesome drive, achieved the greatness predicted for him for four years.

"I was thinking of what I'd be doing against our prevent defense if I was in his shoes,"

Kosar said of the Elway march.

He had already rescued the Browns from bleaker circumstances a week earlier. In their first playoff game, against the New York Jets, the Browns were losing, 20–10, with four minutes to play. Shaking off two interceptions that had dug the hole, Kosar rallied to tie with seven seconds left. After a nerve-racking scoreless overtime period, the Browns won it with a field goal 2:02 into the second extra session. It was the third-longest game in NFL history, consuming four hours and five minutes. Kosar threw 64 passes and completed 33 for 489 yards. Those were three of six Cleveland passing records he set last year.

"I was awestruck after that game," he said. "Words can't really describe the emotions after the Jets game and the week leading up to

the Denver game.

Kosar received no league honors following his splendid sophomore campaign even though he passed for more yards (3,854) than any Browns' quarterback but former NFL MVP Brian Sipe. But in leading the Browns to a 12-4 record, their most regular-season wins in 37 years of NFL play, Kosar earned the praises of some of the league's notable talent experts, some of whom had doubted whether the gangling kid could make it big.

"I'll be honest with you," said Gil Brandt, director of player personnel for the Dallas Cowboys, "his success surprises me, I did not think that he would be as successful as he is right now. I thought he probably would play in the league and be a 9-7 quarterback."

Brandt wasn't alone in questioning Kosar's athletic ability. At 6-5 and 210 pounds, Kosar runs like a giraffe on bad eucalyptus. He is constantly ribbed by teammates about his klutzy stride. After being timed in 5.2 seconds

in the 40 at his first minicamp, Kosar laughed, "I thought it was a 12-minute run."

Besides the slow feet, scouts questioned Kosar's release, throwing motion, and set-up mechanics. He frequently throws sidearm and sometimes, when the mood strikes, even underhand. The appearances are deceiving. From out of that inelegant disguise emerged one beautiful quarterback, a true field general with a style all his own.

"When you look at Bernie on film," said Bobby Beathard, general manager of the Washington Redskins, "you're not sure he'll throw the same way two times in a row. But he has a knack to find the open guy and beat you. It's a God-given talent."

Brandt said, "He reminds me of Larry Bird. When I saw Bird play in Salt Lake City, I said

Kosar earned the praises of the league's notable talent experts, some of whom had doubted whether the gangling kid could make it big.

there's no way this guy will ever be a great player because he doesn't jump very high, doesn't run very fast. Kosar's like that. He looks awkward, but he gets it done."

The secret to Kosar's rapid development lies in his analytical mind. Always thinking on the run, always envisioning the perfect play hidden between coverages. Given an offensive system suited to what he does best, Kosar blossomed into what Dick Steinberg, director of player development of the New England Patriots, called "an upper echelon quarterback

"It's partially the [Browns'] system," Steinberg said. "It's partially his great judgment. I don't think there were any questions about his arm strength and his ability to see the field and get the ball to the right guy. You could see this guy had a total understanding of throwing the football. But what you really never know is how these guys are going to be as leaders."

Marty Schottenheimer, the Browns head coach, knew he had somebody special early in Kosar's rookie season. "From the very first time he stepped in the huddle two years ago, there was no question who was in charge," he said.

Kosar made his NFL debut in the Browns' fifth game in 1985 because of a shoulder injury to veteran Gary Danielson. He started nine games that first season and their run-oriented offense sputtered. Still, with Danielson returning for two important wins, they took the AFC Central Division with an 8-8 record before los-

ing in the playoffs to Miami.

The addition of offensive coordinator Lindy Infante last year meant a dramatic upgrade in Cleveland's passing game. Injuries to starting running backs Kevin Mack and Earnest Byner forced the Browns to throw more in 1986 than even Kosar preferred. He passed 531 times and completed 310 for 58.4 percent and 3,854 yards. He had 17 touchdown passes and only 10 interceptions. His interception rate of 1.88 percent was the stinglest in the NFL and the lowest in Browns' history. He had three 400-yard passing games, counting the playoffs, and directed the Browns three times over 500 yards total offense.

"Two things none of us could have expected were his control of the offense and the

number of times he had to throw," said Accorsi "We felt we'd still be a running team. But the one thing he did that didn't surprise us were the big plays."

He made two of his biggest plays against division rivals Pittsburgh and Cincinnati in must-win games. In overtime against the Steelers, Kosar, realizing the Browns couldn't risk a field goal because their kicker was injured, called an audible at the line and went for the home run. Off balance and off the wrong foot, he faked one way and beat the blitz with a perfect 36-yard touchdown pass to Webster Slaughter for a 37–31 victory.

Three weeks later, the Central Division title was on the line in Cincinnati's hostile Riverfront Stadium. Kosar staggered the Bengals on the very first play of the game. He spotted single coverage and completed a 66-yard bomb to Reggie Langhorne. The Browns cruised to the championship, 34–3. Modell later called it the greatest Cleveland victory since their 1964 championship. Oh, yes. Kosar called the opening play after a pregame suggestion from Danielson, who, says Kosar, "understands me better than anyone."

Always one to speak his mind, Kosar has landed in hot water in each of his two seasons in Cleveland. He criticized the Browns' conservative offense after the playoff loss to Miami in 1985. Then he spoke out against the new offense midway through the next season, suggesting they needed to throw long more often. If did not sit well with Infante, but things were patched up and the Browns added the long ball to their attack.

Kosar believes Infante's famed option-route pass system, which Ken Anderson used to take the Bengals to the Super Bowl after the 1981 season, should be refined to keep up with the game's changing times.

"That system is intended for backs to catch a lot of passes," Kosar says. "Fortunately, we got away from that towards the end and started using receivers more, because people definitely caught on to it. We need to keep progressing, not to say we were successful with one way and stay that way. You need to

keep people off guard.

Kosar has a way of doing that on and off the field. He is unassuming despite a big contract and resists being singled out. At his first training camp he declined to step into a limousine to take him to a magazine photo session until it was moved from the view of his teammates. Last year he cut short a postgame, on-the-field interview on national television after two questions to rejoin his teammates in the locker room. He surprised each member of his tight-knit offensive line, including non-starters, with a case of imported Dom Perignon champagne for Christmas. "They had a great year," Kosar said.

And what of the man they protect? What can be expected of Kosar in his third NFL season?

"I think this year he will secure his spot among the best in the league," said Accorsi. "He won't be just one of the up-and-coming young quarterbacks anymore. Eventually, I think his success will be measured by championships rather than statistics."

Accorsi formerly worked for the Baltimore Colts. He had such high hopes for Kosar that he assigned him jersey No. 19, the same as the great Johnny Unitas. No other NFL quarterback wears that number, and that's just as well. There really is no one like him.

TONY DORSETT

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doubt a major milestone. No matter what era you're from, Jim Brown's name always comes up. And it doesn't matter if Walter passes him or if I pass him. He's the guy nobody forgets. Jim Brown will always be the back that others are measured by because he did it in a shorter season (12, then 14 games) and in [fewer-nine] years. It's never been a dream of mine to surpass Jim Brown. That's something I never considered, yet now I'm right at the doorstep. It's going to mean a lot to me.

Just when Dorsett will do it depends largely upon three things: injuries, the play of the offensive line, and Landry's decision on how to combine Dorsett and Herschel Walker most effectively. Landry stated during the offseason that Walker's primary position in 1987 would be fullback, which is where he finished in '86. Again Walker will be used in a variety of ways, Landry said, but the key is to find plenty of work for both backs. "We've got to keep both of them on the field as much as possible. When you have those two on the field, anything can happen," he said. "We're counting on them to carry the load of the offense."

The roles of the two backs became a confusing and often frustrating problem in 1986 for all parties-players, coaches, and fansbut Dorsett appears to be eagerly awaiting his

assignment for 1987.

"I think a lot of people are interested in seeing what's going to happen with Herschel and Tony," Dorsett said. "You've got two pretty good athletes there. I'm interested in seeing how creative and imaginative our coaches will be. They've had a whole year to think about this, a long time to kick things around. They're going to have to come up with some kind of mix that will utilize our individual talents.'

Although the pair combined for more than 2,500 rushing and receiving yards last year, Dorsett said opponents never were forced to deal with the backs at full strength. "I was limited all year. My game was completely taken away," Dorsett said. "This year we'll try to work on some different things, not running just to the strong side all the time but running to the weak side to keep defenses honest.

If the Cowboys regain the full use of Dorsett's skills in conjunction with Walker's, then the year the winning stopped in Dallas may be quickly forgotten. That the Cowboys have relied heavily upon Dorsett is reflected in their 42-4 record in games in which he has gained 100 yards. Dorsett, who added only two 100yard games to that total last year, hopes to rediscover the glory days in 1987.

"We're capable of getting back on top. I think we have just as good a chance as anyone and that's not just blowing smoke. You can't tell me that [with] our backfield, our receivers, and a lot of our skill positions we're not as good as any team in this business,' Dorsett said. "We've fallen off in other areas, but with the right frame of mind, we can get right back in the thick of things. I really think we're capable of surprising some people."

Dorsett paused for a moment after that last statement and his eyes widened. "The Cowboys surprising people-I never thought I'd be saving that.

But Dorsett never thought he would even be concerned about it at such a late date as 1987, either.

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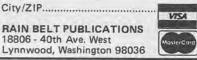
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C.F.L. The letters could very well stand for the Crisis Football League. But Canadian Football League it is and North America's second professional football league continues to lurch from pillar to post with a multitude of problems which provide argument for those who urge its quick demise. But the league has shown it is a survivor

When the CFL opens its 1987 season in late June, it will do so with the same nine teams that have been a part of its makeup since 1954, when the league went over the Rockies to take in the B.C. Lions. But a 10th team, a franchise in the Maritimes, would make the CFL a truly national commodity and balance the East and West divisions at five teams apiece. A fifth team in the East, however, is the least of commissioner Doug Mitchell's concerns. The former Calgary lawyer, who launches his second three-year term, faces much more pressing problems. Namely, a dramatic decline in television revenue and continued losses at the box office brought about by sagging attendances.

In one of his final acts before turning the commissioner's aspirin over to Mitchell. Jake Gaudaur managed to convince Carling O'Keefe Brewery to come up with \$33 million on a three-year television contract. While that may be a mere pittance compared with the revenue the National Football League derives from television, it was certainly the largest pact ever signed by the CFL. That financial BY RICK MATSUMOTO TORONTO STAR

well has now gone dry. The contract Gaudaur negotiated was made possible by the intense brewery war that was taking place in Canada at the time. But that conflict has run its course and Carling O'Keefe, which is running third among the major Canadian suds makers, is no longer interested in pouring good money after bad. Neither are the other two companies (Labatt's and Molson), who are more committed to baseball and hockey. The two major television networks were interested, but not at the previous rates. The CBC offered an unconfirmed \$1.75 million for a one-year contract which would see them telecast 22 of the league's 81 games. CTV offered \$1.5 million for 21 games. That was rejected.

The league's solution has been to establish its own network of independent stations to carry 37 games. However, that plan isn't without its glitches. The CFN, as the network will be dubbed, didn't (at the time of this writing) have an affiliate in Ottawa, nor an Englishlanguage station in Montreal and totally excludes the Maritimes. The league was also hoping to sell some 20 games to The Sports Network (TSN), Canada's pay television

The bottom line is that if we'd taken the offer made by the networks, we couldn't have survived," said Mitchell. "It would have taken us through 1987, but there would have been a huge question mark after that." Mitchell feels the league needs a minimum of \$5-6 million from television revenue. However, he feels the private network combined with the CBC and pay television can produce 85 percent of last year's revenue.

Mitchell's major problem continues to be attendance. That, he says, is the only way to assure the league's survival. The big concern continues to be Montreal. After absorbing more than \$17 million in losses to keep football alive in the city, majority owners Charles Bronfman and Edmond Ricard said enough is enough and sold the team to minority owner Norm Kimball and Edmonton businessman Jim Hole, Bronfman and Ricard also paid off the team's debts, then tossed in \$2 million to help the Als get started in '87. How's that for corporate citizenship?

Kimball is seen as the hope for the team's survival. The former Edmonton Eskimo general manager, who was instrumental in building the Eskies into a CFL powerhouse, must make the Alouettes a success on the field. Winning, as the baseball Expos have learned, is the only way to the hearts and wallets of Montreal sports fans.

'Kimball has carried out a major market research project and it's told him that the team has not been a very interesting one," said Mitchell. "More times than not it's a losing one. Its best record in recent years has been 8-8."

1986 CFL FINAL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION	w		1		1		pts		off		def
Toronto	10	S.	8	l.	0		20		417		441
Hamilton	9		8		1		19		405		366
Montreal					0		8	į.	320		500
Ottawa									346	'n	514
WESTERN DIVISION											
Edmonton	13		4		1	1	27	Į.	540		365
British Columbia .	12		6	9	0		24	è	441	1	410
Winnipeg	11	4	7	8	0	i.	22	į.	545	į.	387
Calgary	11		7		0	Ģ.	22	Ų,	484		380
Saskatchewan				Ų	1		13	4	382		517

DIVISION SEMIFINALS

Toronto 31 . Hamilton 17 Hamilton 42 • Toronto 25 (Hamilton wins on overall points, 59-56) British Columbia 21 . Winnipeg 14 Edmonton 27 • Calgary 18 **DIVISION FINAL** Edmonton 41 • British Columbia 5

GREY CUP Hamilton 39 • Edmonton 15

The Alouettes franchise, however, hasn't been the only league problem. There are also the Ottawa Rough Riders and the Saskatchewan Roughriders (yes, the CFL has two teams with the same name). Saskatchewan, which once boasted that it had "the best fans in the country," has found out that even the patience of the best fans can be taxed by missing the playoffs for 10 straight seasons. The team has lost money for the past two seasons and must turn things around this year if it is to continue



as a viable franchise. In the nation's capital, the eastern Riders, who have stumbled along for seven years without topping the .500 mark, were given away by owner Allan Watters to a local group, which includes several former Riders, who will operate the club as a community team

The bottom line for each of these teams is to produce a winner. As National Hockey League executive Giles Leger of the Quebec Nordiques pointed out, the phenomenal success of the NFL is due to a large extent to the fact that "fans know that when they go to a game they're going to get good entertainment because any team has a chance to beat another on a given day. The NHL is reaching that point, too." The CFL must also strive to reach parity if it is to bring fans back.

The league took a couple of steps towards that goal with an equalization draft and the establishment of a salary cap for the '87 season. In the February "competitive balance plan" Ottawa, Montreal, and Saskatchewan each drafted four players off the rosters of the other six teams. The addition of these players alone will not make those three teams instant winners. They must still recruit wisely to fill other holes in their lineup. But it's a start.

In a second attempt to help its weak links, the league agreed to a salary cap of \$2 million per team. What that will do is aid the clubs who are suffering at the gate to remain at least financially competitive in their recruiting efforts. The cap has caused some teams to jettison veteran players from their rosters and make salary cuts or take-it-or-leave-it offers to other high-priced talent who were up for contract renewals.

The Toronto Argonauts, for example, dropped veteran quarterback Condredge Holloway, who was earning \$250,000, even though their only other experienced guarterback was the somewhat inconsistent J.C. Watts (Oklahoma). Hobbled by a serious knee injury suffered two years ago, Holloway no longer can be counted on to be a starter, but the Argos weren't willing to pay his salary simply for his know-how. The B.C. Lions, who made money at the gate, were willing to accept Holloway as a backup to Roy Dewalt (Texas-Arlington), but at much reduced rates. Besides, they could afford Holloway after wide receiver Swervin' Mervyn Fernandez played out his option and became an instant millionaire with the Los Angeles Raiders.

Mitchell feels sensible spending is a must for the CFL to survive. "We have these tremendous limits in population and the ability to large draw numbers," he said. "We have five stadiums in the league which hold 35,000 or less. When you have such limitation of seating, you can't get involved in massive salaries. If the CFL had competed with the USFL, we wouldn't be here now.

"In 1985, Calgary at B.C. drew 35,000," added Mitchell. "Last year, 49,000 fans were drawn to B.C. Place to watch the much improved Stampeders. That brought in an extra \$300,000 in revenue for the Lions."

Mitchell is confident that with the measures taken by the league and with new management in three cities (Montreal, Saskatchewan, and Ottawa), the CFL will provide better entertainment in 1987 and rekindle fan interest.

It better, because even a rubber ball eventually loses its resiliency after it's been thrown at a brick wall too many times.

EASTERN DIVISION

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

(9-8-1) The Tiger-Cats genial coach, Al Bruno, would have to be excused if he voiced the adage that "Things were going too good to be true." Bruno had guided the Tiger-Cats to an astonishing upset of the Edmonton Eskimos in last November's Grey Cup game to bring Hamilton its first CFL championship since 1972. For his accomplishment he was named the CFL's coach of the year and rewarded with a new contract by owner Harold Ballard.

Then his two starting wide receivers, Tony Champion (Tennessee-Martin) and Steve Stapler (San Diego State), became free agents and were testing the NFL waters. They caught 136 passes for 2,077 yards, almost half the total passing yardage of the Ticats, who ranked last in the league in that department. The possible loss of the two wasn't the only reason Bruno suddenly developed a headache. In the CFL's equalization draft he lost veteran homegrown center Mary Allemang to Ottawa and running back Walter Bender (Kent. State) to Saskatchewan. Then Bruno learned that offensive lineman Mike Dirks, who underwent surgery for a damaged Achilles' tendon, probably won't be ready to start.

The news, however, isn't all bad. Less Browne underwent successful arthroscopic knee surgery and Canadian defensive end David Sauve (Harvard), who missed all of the regular season with a damaged nerve at the base of his neck, played in the second game of the two-game total points Eastern final as well as the Grey Cup game and showed he's fully recovered.

To find a replacement for Allemang, Bruno intends to give backup center Pat Brady as

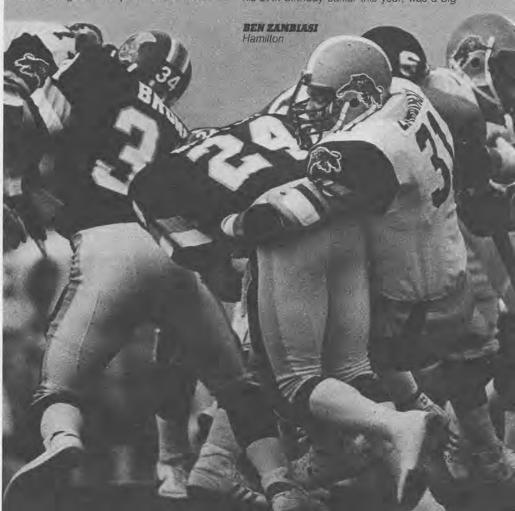
well as guards Jason Riley and Dale Sanderson (Tennessee) a look at that position. Even the three offensive linemen Ticats selected in the draft—Lou Godry (Guelph), Joe Fortune (McMaster), and Greg Doren (Nevada-Reno)—might get some work at the position.

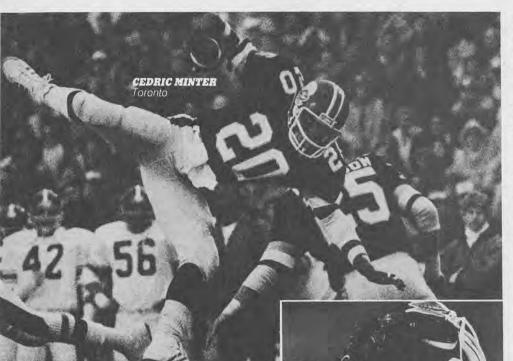
The receiving corps won't be entirely devoid of talent should Champion and Stapler find work in the NFL. Canadian Rocky DiPietro was the league's fourth-leading receiver with 86 catches for 1,087 yards. Ron Ingram (Oklahoma State), a four-year veteran who played wide receiver in the Grey Cup game while Champion moved inside to slotback, can play either position. Ken Zachary (Oklahoma State), who filled in for Bender in the first game of the Eastern finals, will get first crack at the running-back job. At 6-foot and 229 pounds he's a formidable ball-carrier but lacks speed.

Defensively, the 'Cats are set. The front four with Sauve's return, which allows Bruno to use three import receivers rather than two, is awesome. They accounted for 56 of the team's 77 sacks last season, with Mike Walker (Washington State) getting 21 and Grover Covington (Johnson C. Smith) 18. Rod Skillman (Missouri), who gave way to Sauve, dropped quarterbacks nine times, while Mitchell Price (Livingston) recorded eight sacks.

The linebackers will be led by 10-year veteran Ben Zambiasi (Georgia), who at age 30 shows no signs of letting up. He'll again be flanked by Frank Robinson (Tulane) and Canadian Leo Ezerins (Witworth College), another 10-year pro.

"The old guys," as Bruno refers to them, will be back infact in the secondary. Browne, who turns 27 in July, is the baby among the starters. Lance Shields (Drake), who celebrated his 27th birthday earlier this year, was a big





find for the 'Cats last summer after Bruno decided Gerald Bess would not be adequate in the corner. Safeties Howard Fields (Baylor) and Mark Streeter (Arizona) are 29 and 30, respectively, while the old man of the secondary is 34-year-old Canadian Paul Bennett.

The Tiger-Cats came up with another solid find in Paul Osbaldiston (Western Montana), who was cut by two other CFL teams before coming in to rescue the Ticats' place-kicking game after veteran Bernie Ruoff (Syracuse) was injured.

TORONTO ARGONAUTS

(10-8) Remember the scene from the movie Crocodile Dundee, when the hero and his lady friend are confronted by a street gang in New York City? One of the gang members flashes a switchblade and cries, "I've got a knife." At that point Dundee hauls out something more akin to a samurai sword and proclaims, "You call that a knife? Now this is a knife." Transform that scene to the office of Argonaut head coach Bob O'Billovich after another loss. "You call those guys football players?" asks Dundee, pointing in the direction of the dressing room. "These are what I call football players." Into O'Billovich's office stroll several behemoth Australian rules football players.

What's this scenario got to do with the Argos and the CFL, you ask? Well, in the offseason, the Argos became the property of the Elders IXL Co. of Australia, the brewers of Foster's Lager, when Elders purchased Carling O'Keefe Brewery from Rothman's Pall Mall of South Africa. And Crocodile Dundee, through actor Paul Hogan, was the prime figure in Foster's Lager ads long before the hit movie.

Whether a couple of Aussie rules players would help the Argos is strictly a matter of conjecture, but there's no doubt the Double Blue must improve their on-field product this year if they are to regain top billing in the east division. More importantly, they'll need to retain a solid base of fan support for the day

they move into Toronto's new domed stadium, which is slated to be opened in the spring of 1989. O'Billovich and general manager Leo Cahill must strengthen several areas if the Argos are to challenge the defending Grey Cup champion Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

DAN FÉRRONE

Quarterback is the No. 1 priority. Condredge Holloway (Tennessee), who along with Joe Barnes (Texas Tech) took the Argos to three straight first-place finishes and a Grey Cup victory in 1983, was cut loose during the winter. J.C. Watts (Oklahoma), who never quite filled Holloway's shoes in Ottawa after the latter was traded to the Argos, is, ironically, trying to do that job in Toronto. He joined the Argos midway through last season after being released by the Riders. Watts, however, is seen as only a stop-gap until rookie John Congemi, Pitt's second all-time leading passer behind Dan Marino, comes of age.

While the quarterback position is the first order of business for O'Billovich, it's by no means the only area where improvement is needed. Wide receiver Terry Greer, who jumped to the Cleveland Browns, was never adequately replaced. Even though Chris Woods (Auburn) possesses speed and ability, his heart never seemed to be in an Argo uniform. He's played out his option and is expected to sign with an NFL club. The man now

expected to replace Greer is the one Greer beat out eight years ago—Calvin Muhammad (Texas Southern), who played in the NFL with the Raiders, Oilers, and Redskins. He'll have several challengers, including second-year man Ken Joiner (Kentucky State) and rookie Kevin Hairston (New Mexico State). Keith Baker (Texas Southern), a former Hamilton star, joined the Argos midway through last season after being cut by the Philadelphia Eagles. He should be the other wideout.

The Argos must also settle the running-back situation to gain some consistency. Cedric Minter (Boise State) returned after two sporadic seasons with the New York Jets, but didn't have time to re-establish himself as the No. 1 back. Another returning veteran, William Miller (Ouachita State), finished the season, and now the Argos have signed ex-Alouette Dwayne Wilson (Idaho State), who was the CFL's rookie of the year in 1984 but ran into disfavor in Montreal. The offensive line appears set with perennial all-star Dan Ferrone signed to a new long-term contract.

Defensively, the largest hole that O'Billovich must fill is at middle linebacker, where David Marshall moved to the Miami Dolphins after playing out his option. Gary Moten (Southern Methodist), who was obtained from Saskatchewan and played briefly when Marshall was



injured, could fill the vacancy. Willie Pless (Kansas), who had an outstanding rookie season, should be Schenley Award material if the Argos have a good year.

The concern in the secondary is whether veteran cornerback Carl Brazley (Western Kentucky) will re-sign with the club or try his hand in the NFL. Brazley, 29, claims he'd like to finish his career in Toronto, but wants guarantees in his contract which Cahill wasn't ready to give.

Hank llesic, the CFL's leading punter, also made noises about wanting out so that he can chase those large NFL bucks. However, he's still got three years remaining on his contract and the Argos aren't about to give him his freedom. In llesic and place-kicker Lance Chomyc, Toronto has the best combination in the league.

OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS

(3-14-1) The Rough Riders, no longer owned by radio station operator Allan Waters, are playing a new tune this season. It's called community ownership and it's been a big hit in western Canada for as long as there's been a CFL. The Riders joined the ranks of the five publicly owned West Division clubs when Waters, after years of incurring losses (\$1.4 million last year), turned the team over to a management group, which includes several former Rider players, for \$1.

The operating group got off on the right foot when it wooed Winnipeg Blue Bombers' general manager Paul Robson to the nation's capital. Robson wasted no time in going to his former club to hire Fred Glick as head coach. Glick, a 48-year-old Colorado native who

played briefly with the St. Louis Cardinals and Houston Oilers, has been a CFL assistant since 1983 and served as interim head coach with Winnipeg when Cal Murphy suffered a

heart attack in 1985.

Glick has many holes to plug in the Ottawa lineup and is realistic about his chances of filling them all at once. He's told people in Ottawa that he'd consider one win above the .500 mark a successful first season. He can begin his renovation job just about anywhere, although the secondary is probably his weakest unit. Wylie Turner (Angelo State), picked up from Winnipeg in midseason, is the most experienced back. Cornerback Darryl Hall (San Diego State) spent time with Edmonton while Canadian rover Jerome Erdman has divided four seasons with Saskatchewan, Winnipeg, and Ottawa. Cornerback Calvin Loveall (Idaho) and safety Will Lewis (Millersville) were CFL rookies. Also vying for jobs are ex-Argo and Eskimo Dennis Clay (Oregon), Dale Thompson (Cal-Fullerton), who was taken from Edmonton in the equalization draft, and Canadian Jack McIntyre.

The Riders strengthened the linebacking and defensive line through the equalization draft. They grabbed tackle Mike Gray (Oregon), the CFL rookie of the year two seasons

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ago with the B.C. Lions, and linebackers Craig Shaffer (Indiana State) of Edmonton and Calgary's Anthony Woodson (Hawaii). All should start. James Curry (Nevada-Reno), Loyd Lewis (Texas A & I). Mike Cline (Arkansas), and Eliapo Sala (Tulane) will be battling for the other line jobs, while Henry Taylor (Florida State) joins the linebacking derby.

Offensively, the Riders' big needs haven't changed through a succession of recent training camps: a wide receiver and slotback who can combine speed with good hands. Marc Lewis (Missouri Western), who gained 1,197 yards on 71 receptions, doesn't catch well in a crowd, but he grabs enough in the open to assure himself of a job. The coaches were also impressed with Brad Calip (East Central Oklahoma), who caught 43 passes after joining the team in mid-season. Mark Barousse (McNeese State) caught 71 passes for 893 yards, but a lack of speed could hurt his chances, especially if Glick decides to go with one Canadian slotback.

The offensive line, if nothing else, has size. It averages 6-4 and 265 pounds. The acquisition of 13-year veteran Marv Allemang from Hamilton in the equalization draft gave the Riders an experienced center, which made import Bill Kidd (Houston) expendable. Nick Benjamin, who was runner-up to Gray in the

The Riders had one of the best field goalpunting combinations in Dean Dorsey and Ken Clark last season. But Clark, 39, was contemplating retirement.

MONTREAL ALOUETTES

(4-14) A bad football team by any other name is still a bad football team. Just ask the fans in Montreal. After four dismal seasons as the Concordes, the franchise switched back to its former name in hopes of regaining its former glory. It didn't help. In fact, the reborn Alouettes won four fewer games and lost six more in the expanded 18-game schedule than the deceased Concordes. What that did was worsen the situation at the box office to a point where the club's majority owners, Charles Bronfman and Edmond Ricard, said, "Enough is enough."

Bronfman, who operates Seagram's and the baseball Expos, and Ricard, chairman of Imasco Ltd., turned over their interests in the club to minority owner Norm Kimball, the team's president and managing director, and his new partner, Jim Hole of Edmonton. Kimball, who played an important role in constructing the Eskimos' dynasty, reached back to his Edmonton days to hire Joe Faragalli, the former offensive coordinator of the Eskies, as his new head coach. The CFL's coach of the



'85 rookie voting, returns after a knee injury. Tackles Kevin Powell (Utah State) and Roger Catttelan (Boston), however, must improve their level of performance.

The Riders faced going into the season with three young quarterbacks after they finally gave up on veteran J.C. Watts (Oklahoma) midway through last year. Watts eventually signed with Toronto. But the Riders were able to swing a deal with their Western cousins which brought them Joe Paopao (Long Beach State). The much-traveled 32-year-old pivot will work alongside youngsters Gilbert Renfroe (Tennessee State), who finished last season as No. 1, and Todd Dillon (Long Beach State). Jim Reid begins his ninth year as the fullback, but look for the Riders to return to an import tailback after using homebrew Robert Reid (no relation to Jim) there last season.

year in 1981, Faragalli had spent the past three years as an NFL assistant coach with Buffalo and Houston after being fired from his previous head coaching job with the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

The Als' biggest weakness is on the offensive line, which was further depleted by the trade of Canadian Trevor Bowles (San Jose State) to the Eskimos for quarterback Brad Taylor (Arkansas) and a first-round draft pick. The Als also lost homebrew guard Mike Palumbo (Washington State), who insists he'll retire unless he can play in his hometown of Calgary. The Als did pick up Sean McKeown, a three-year veteran from the Stampeders, to fill part of the void, but Faragalli and his staff have evaluated all the Canadian linemen in the league and are hoping to swing a deal to bring one or two to Montreal.



Faragalli is confident his defense is good enough to make the Als competitive if he can improve the offense. The front four has a solid nucleus in eight-year veteran Doug Scott (Boise State), Brent Williams (Austin Peay), and pass-rush specialist Steve Raquet (Holy

Cross). Rayford Cook (North Texas State)

could step into the vacancy created by the

trade of Sandy Armstrong to B.C.

Lamont Jeffers (Tennessee) and William Mitchell (Long Beach State), who spent the end of last season on the injury list, will battle Will Cokely (Kansas State) at middle linebacker, while Canadians Ken Ciancone (Utah State), Matt Finlay (Michigan State), and Mark Hopkins compete for the inside jobs. Dan Rashovich, who was obtained from Toronto in the equalization draft, couldn't come to terms with the Als and signed with the L.A. Raiders.

Mark Jackson (Abilene Christian), also obtained in the equalization draft from Edmonton, should help the secondary, where 12year veteran Terry Irvin (Jackson State) rolls along after leading the league in interceptions

last season with an even dozen.

The Als paid a price for Taylor, who has served as a backup in Edmonton for three seasons, but he is by no means a shoo-in as the No. 1 quarterback. The Als finished last year with Brian Ransom (Tennessee State) as the starter after the touted Walter Lewis (Alabama), signed out of the USFL, had trouble adapting to the Canadian game. Ransom, however, damaged a knee playing basketball during the winter and won't start the season. The Als have also signed Steve Calabria (Colgate), who had a brief tryout with Toronto.

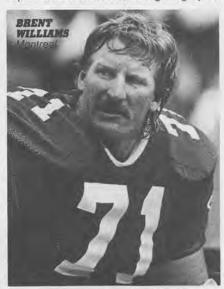
Doctors gave the green light to tight end Nick Arakgi to resume playing. He missed all of '86 after suffering a spinal injury in a preseason game. If the big Egyptian-born Arakgi can return to form, he would give Faragalli's offense a much needed boost. Shawn Faulkner (Western Michigan) returns as the incumbent running back, as does Canadian fullback Tony Johns (Henderson State). Ricky Porter (Slippery Rock) will give Faulkner competition.

The Als obtained Dave Ridgway as insurance behind place-kicker Roy Kurtz, who was injured last season. If Kurtz is deemed recovered, then look for Ridgway to be traded, possibly back to Saskatchewan for the offensive lineman the Als so badly require.

WESTERN DIVISION

EDMONTON ESKIMOS

(13-4-1) The Eskimos almost made it back to the top in one giant leap. After having their domination of the CFL (five straight Grey Cups) terminated in 1983, they lounged for three seasons in third place in the West. But last year they made it back to first place, finishing three points ahead of the B.C. Lions, who had replaced the Eskimos as the West's supreme team. However, after getting by the



Calgary Stampeders and the Lions in the division playoffs, the Eskimos tripped over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the championship game, losing 39-15.

Can the Eskies bounce back and repeat as western champions? They are strong in most areas, but they do have one weakness, the offensive line.

'Our major concern is at tackle," offered Hugh Campbell, who returned to Edmonton last season as general manager after three frustrating years as coach of the USFL's Los Angeles Express and then of the NFL's Houston Oilers. "Hector Pothier won't be back until after the fourth game and Bill Stevenson, well, he's a question mark. And then, of course, we've got a big hole in the secondary with Loo (Laurent DesLauriers) going down.

Pothier was nabbed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Winnipeg airport for possession of a small amount of marijuana last fall and immediately suspended for the balance of the season by CFL commissioner Doug Mitchell. As well, Mitchell ordered Pothier to miss the first four games of the 1987 season. Stevenson missed the entire '86 season with what was first suspected to be a heart attack, but later diagnosed as a virus. His status won't be determined until he arrives at camp and goes through his medical examination.

The Eskimos, in the meantime, weren't sitting still. They traded third-string quarterback Brad Taylor (Arkansas), who many feel would be a starter with another club, to Montreal for Canadian tackle Trevor Bowles (San Jose State). Bowles and veteran Rudy Phillips (North Texas State), a former Schenley Award winner with Ottawa, will likely start at the tackles. Leo Blanchard, a nine-year veteran, will move back to guard, as will Phillips when Pothier returns. Blake Dermott is the center.



The rest of the offense returns intact from last season, when they were second only to the Blue Bombers in most offensive statistics. Starting quarterback Matt Dunigan (Louisiana Tech), entering his fifth year with the Eskies, will again have to fight off the challenge of Damon Allen (Cal-Fullerton), the younger brother of Marcus of the L.A. Raiders. Having traded Taylor to the Als, Edmonton was attempting to sign Tracy Ham (Georgia Southern), offering him the carrot of being able to play quarterback in the CFL.

The receiving corps remains talented with

nine-year vet Brian Kelly (Washington State), who continues his quest to become the CFL's all-time pass-catching leader. He needs 144 receptions to surpass another former Eskimo, Tommy Joe Coffey's 650 career catches, and 1,295 yards to pass a third Edmonton star, Tom Scott's total of 10,837 yards. Kelly and Scott were teammates during the Eskies' fiveyear Grey Cup reign. A pair of Canadians, Marco Cyncar and Rick House, are the inside receivers, backed up by fine young homebrew Tom Richards.





STREET AND SMITH'S PRO FOOTBALL

The Eskimos will field an all-Canadian backfield with running backs Milson Jones (North Dakota) and Chris Skinner. And to prove the rich get richer, they obtained University of Western Ontario's outstanding fullback, Blake Marshall, in the college draft.

Besides finding a replacement for DesLauriers, who may not be ready for the season's opener, coach Jack Parker's main task defensively will be to fill the void created by the loss of linebacker Craig Shaffer (Indiana State) to Ottawa in the equalization draft. Julio Cortez (Miami), Bruce Green (Texas Southern), and Sankar Montoute (St. Leo's) are candidates. Veteran Dan Bass (Michigan State) returns as the middle linebacker, while Bruce Green (Texas Southern) is the other outside backer.

The Eskimos will also take a long look at the defensive line, where only rush specialist Stewart Hill (Washington) seems set. Tom Tuinei (Hawaii), in his sixth season with the Eskimos, and James Zachery, (Texas A & M), a four-year Eskimo and seventh-year CFLer, will be challenged by lke Reardon (Hampton Institute) and Lloyd Mumphry (Mississippi Valley State).

Newcomers such as Renard Young (Nevada-Las Vegas), Duane Harmon (Long Beach State), and Stan Blair (Southeast Oklahoma) will provide competition in the secondary. However, it'll be third-year man Ron Howard (Tennessee) and sophomore Greg Harding (Nicholls State) on the corners with Cliff Toney (Auburn), who is back for his fourth season, and second-year man Jeff George (Illinois State) at the safety spots.

Punter/place-kicker Tom Dixon led the league in scoring with 190 points, nine more than his nearest rival, but he was inconsistent early in the year and Parker will definitely be looking for a more even performance from the third-year UBC product.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS

(12-6) Getting old together may be idyllic for husband and wife, but for a football team it can mean trouble in paradise. And aging seems to be the problem about to catch up to

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the Lions. After three straight first-place finishes in the West, the Lions found themselves playing second fiddle to the resurgent Edmonton Eskimos. The prospects for regaining top honors this year don't look all that good.

Compounding the problem is the loss of wide receiver Swervin' Mervyn Fernandez, the brilliant wide receiver and five-year veteran from San Jose State, who played out his option and became an instant millionaire when he signed with the NFL's Los Angeles Raiders. Even though injuries curtailed his playing time last season, he still managed 48 catches for 865 yards. In his four previous seasons, however, Fernandez was never under 1,000 yards and reached a zenith in 1985 when he grabbed 95 passes for 1,727 yards and 17 touchdowns. That was when the Raiders, who owned his NFL rights, began to drool.

The Lions' woes didn't end with the loss of Fernandez. His heir apparent, Jim Sandusky (San Diego State), who had been carefully groomed for three years, also became a free agent and at last report was being wooed by the New York Jets. A double loss may be simply too much for the Lions to overcome. Last season Sandusky was the Lions' leading receiver (60 catches), although he had less yardage than Fernandez (858). The Lions still have Ned Armour (San Diego State), 45 catches, 709 yards, but if Sandusky flees, coach Don Matthews may have to resort to a revamped attack with more running. Last year the Lions had the second-lowest rushing vardage in the league, while rating second in passing yardage. The inside passing game remains at high caliber with Canadians Jan Carinci (Maryland) and John Pankratz.

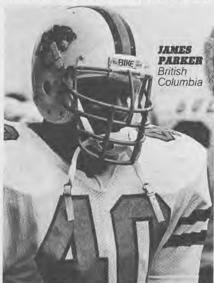
Roy Dewalt (Texas-Arlington), who signed a long-term pact with B.C. last season after unsuccessfully testing the NFL waters, was second in passing in 1986 with 314 completions in 556 attempts for 4,057 yards. There's some concern about a backup because the Lions snapped up another much damaged veteran pivot, Condredge Holloway (Tennessee), who was released by Toronto. That doesn't bode well for third-year pivot Karlton Watson (Winston-Salem)

If the Lions are forced to rely more and more on their running game, the man they'll look to is fullback Anthony Parker (Memphis State), who joined the team in midseason. He could be teamed with a Canadian fullback, whose main job would be to block. Otherwise, it will be either old reliable, 10-year veteran John Henry White (Louisiana Tech), or Ray Crouse, who spent two years with Green Bay after CFL stints with Calgary and Toronto before joining B.C. late last season.

The Lions' aging process was most noticeable along the offensive line. However, the average age dropped somewhat when 37year-old center Al Wilson finally decided to call it quits after 15 seasons. The Lions would like to stay with a Canadian center, and lan Sinclair (Miami) and Jamie Buis will get first crack at the job, but if they fail the position will fall to import Tim Ruiz (Utah State). The Lions also lost Glen Leonhard to retirement and they've got to wonder how much longer 32year-old left tackle John Blain (San Jose State) will be around. Jim Mills (Hawaii) came in to play tackle after being cut by the Indianapolis Colts. If Buis doesn't make the switch to center, then he and Gerald Roper (Arizona) will return as the starting guards. But the Lions

are another team thinking American on the line. They're extremely high on Willard Scissum (Alabama), who spent four years with the Denver Broncos.

Defensively, the Lions found themselves with a huge problem when all-star end James "Quick" Parker (Wake Forest) tore up his knee playing racketball. He's gone for the year. Earlier, defensive tackle Mike Gray (Oregon) was lost to Ottawa in the equalization draft. Former Denver Bronco Walter Bowyer (Arizo-





na State) and ex-Philadelphia Eagle Ken Neil will compete for Parker's spot. Mike Taliffero (TCU), from the Arizona Wranglers, and ex-Alouette Sandy Armstrong (Colorado) are the leading candidates to replace Gray.

Linebacking will be a question with Tyrone Crews (Kansas State), celebrating his 31st birthday before the season begins, and Glenn Jackson, 33, and Kevin Konar, 28, coming off injuries. Crews, who was unsigned, could be replaced by Eugene Seale (Lamar), who was kept under wraps by the New Jersey Generals last season even though the USFL didn't play a down. Gregg Stumon (Southern Arkansas) finished the season on the outside along with Canadian John Ulmer (North Dakota), but Stumon may get a look in the middle.

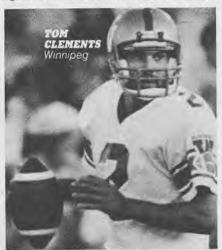
The secondary, led by Darnell Clash (Wyoming), who was lost to the Lions for more than half the season with a knee injury, remains strong and deep. Keith Gooch (Fresno State) signed a new three-year contract.

Lui Passaglia remains one of the league's more reliable field-goal kickers, 39 of 56, but his punting average fell off a bit last year. Could that be a sign that age is, indeed, catching up to the Lions?

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS

(11-7) There shouldn't be any complaints about a generation gap between the Blue Bomber players and their rookie head coach, Mike Riley. The 33-year-old son of former Bomber coach Bud Riley, now the player-personnel director with the Calgary Stampeders, finds himself in a unique situation of being younger than at least one of his players and the same age as a couple of others. But he doesn't see that as a problem.

One player Riley is familiar with is quarterback Tom Clements, who is also 33. They were opponents in college football, Clements as a quarterback at Notre Dame and Riley as a defensive back with Alabama. "I played against him in two bowl games, the Orange



and the Sugar," recalled Riley. "We lost both. I just hope he keeps winning those big games."

Clements has been doing just that in the CFL for the past 11 seasons, and there's no indication he's about to stop. He recently signed a new three-year contract that should assure the Bombers of a No.1 quarterback until heir apparent Tom Muecke (Baylor) is ready. For the past three seasons, the backup had been John Hufnagel (Penn State), but the 34-year-old joined Saskatchewan as a player/assistant coach after being claimed in the equalization draft. Former Seattle Seahawk Jim Zorn came in late last season after Clements was injured to work behind Hufnagel, but he's not expected to return this season.

The Bombers found themselves with a large hole in their receiving corps when nine-year veteran slotback Joe Poplawski decided to call it a career. The two-time Schenley winner as the CFL's outstanding Canadian, who'll be 30 in August, had always expressed a desire to guit while on top. He did just that. Last season, he caught 74 passes for 1,075 yards, the third-best total of his nine-year career after coming out of the University of Alberta. The rest of the receiving corps should remain intact. James Murphy (Utah State), who was selected by the Football Reporters of Canada as the CFL's outstanding player for 1986, and Jeff Boyd (Fullerton State) are the wide receivers with Perry Tuttle (Clemson) the other slotback. Murphy was the CFL's leading receiver last season (116 catches for 1,746 yards). His reception total broke the record (113) set two years earlier by the Toronto Argonauts' Terry Greer, now with the Cleveland Browns. Boyd rejoined Winnipeg last year after an unsuccessful NFL venture to catch 35 passes for 619 yards. The year before he caught 76 for 1,372 yards. Tuttle, a former first-round pick of the Buffalo Bills, caught 83 passes for 1,373 yards, giving the Bombers three 1,000-yard

The Bombers also have a potent 1,000-yard rusher in Willard Reaves (Northern Arizona), whose total was reduced to 498 yards last season by injuries. The two previous years

he easily topped the 1,000-yard barrier, gaining 1,700 yards in 1984 and winning the Schenley Award as the league's outstanding performer. Reaves was unhappy with the Bombers' demands that he take a pay cut and was threatening retirement. Riley, however, was expecting him at camp. If he didn't show, the Bombers wouldn't be taking too much of a backward step by using the much-traveled Lester Brown (Clemson). With the Bombers, who are his fifth CFL team, Brown emerged as the league's third-leading rusher last fall with 139 carries for 713 yards.

Defensively, Riley can showcase the league's best corps of linebackers. The quartet of Tyrone Jones (Southern), James West (Texas Southern), Darrell Patterson (Texas Christian), and Delbert Fowler (West Virginia) is simply awesome.

Riley doesn't share some of the Bomber critics' concerns about the secondary. The club hadn't signed veteran Ken Hailey (San Francisco State), but Riley was optmistic he'd be in training camp. A re-signed Hailey would join Roy Bennett (Jackson State), who had eight interceptions last season, one of which he returned for 101 yards; James Jefferson (Texas A & I), Bennie Thompson (Grambling), and Canadian Scot Flagel.

The major task facing Riley is to rebuild the defensive line. End Tony Norman (Iowa State) was released after seven seasons. His replacement will come from among holdover John Sturdivant (Maryland), Andre Pinsett (Fullerton State), a former Edmonton Eskimo, and Fred Worthy, who saw service with both B.C. and Calgary the past two seasons. Hasson Arbubakrr (Texas Tech), is the other end, while Canadian San Mikawos (North Dakota) is the nose tackle.

Little (5-foot-6) kicker Trevor Kennerd had one of his worst seasons in 1986 after missing part of the campaign with an injury. He's back healthy, but, will get competition from rookie Matt MacLeod (Oregon). Bob Cameron, who is also of the same generation as Riley, returns as the punter.

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

(11-7) The Stampeders rose from their deathbed last season to write one of the better success stories in CFL history. When it became all too clear that the financially plagued team could not carry on as a publicly owned entity and no one in the private sector was willing to put up the money to purchase the club, the citizens of Calgary came forth and responded to a season-ticket drive that saved the team from extinction.

The club in turn responded to the support, improving from 3-13 in 1985 to 11-7 and making the playoffs. The Stamps, led by the quarterbacking of Rick Johnson (Southern Illinois), played winning and entertaining football to assure that the season-ticket holders would be tempted to renew their subscriptions.

Johnson, who was far from impressive in his rookie season, won the No. 1 job last year after veteran Joe Barnes (Texas Tech) was cut adrift. He took over in dynamic fashion, throwing a league-leading 604 passes, the second-highest number thrown in a season in CFL history, for 4,379 yards. However, his 50 percent completion average was the poorest among the league's regular pivots. Now, with the year's experience, Johnson should be able to upgrade his rate to move into the company of the league's top quarterbacks.



Johnson will have to do without his favorite target, Ray Alexander (Florida A & M), who played out his option and signed with the Dallas Cowboys. There's the possibility, though, that Alexander, who failed to catch on with two other NFL teams in previous trials, could be back. In the meantime, the Stampeders have holdover Larry Ray Willis (Fresno State) and Tony Woodruff (Fresno State) and newcomer Bruce Davis (Baylor), who qualified for the 1980 U.S. Olympic team as a sprinter, on hand as wide receivers, while Emanuel Tolbert (Southern Methodist) returns at slotback after catching 69 passes for 1,286 yards. The Stampeders are also contemplating the return to a two-tight-end system, which they once



employed so effectively with the likes of Herman Harrison and Willie Armstead. The Stamps have signed rookies Mark Gehring (Washington) and Malcolm Scott (Louisiana State) for the position.

Running back Gary Allen (Hawaii) was the league's leading rusher and the only one to top the 1,000-yard mark (1,153). However, his problems away from the field, which included troubles with the police as well as simply missing team flights and meetings, make him an unsure commodity for this season. Dwight Beverley (Illinois), who was injured in the second game of the season and lost the job to Allen, will be back to attempt to regain the position. Kirby Wilson (Pacific) is also seeking to unseat Allen.

The offensive line is a collection of CFL retreads and rejects, which necessitated the employment of one of the league's few import offensive linemen: George Gilbert (Tulsa). In anticipation of continuing in that vogue, the Stamps signed David Wright (BYU).

Defensively, head coach Bob Vespaziani has several holes to fill. The Stampeders lost middle linebacker Anthony Woodson (Hawaii) to Ottawa in the equalization draft, while cornerback Mel Jenkins was expected to try his luck in the NFL. Garcia Lane (Ohio State), who joined the team late last year, is the top candidate to replace Jenkins. Replacing Woodson won't be as easy. Bernie Morrison and Alvis Satele (Hawaii), a pass-rush specialist, were the outside backers last year.

Harold Hallman (Auburn), who won a Schenley Award as the CFL's rookie of the year, anchors the defense along with veteran end Vince Goldsmith (Oregon). Vespaziani

will be attempting to upgrade his Canadian content beyond the levels provided by Eugene Belliveau and Stu Laird. Kent Warnock, the club's No. 1 draft pick last season, was a disappointment, but the Stampeders are hoping he'll be more effective this year. The Stamps have also signed defensive tackle Pat Langdon (Tennessee), who was the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' No. 1 pick two years ago.

Other than Jenkins, the secondary should return intact. Safeties Larry Hogue (Utah State) and 5-foot-6 Richie Hall (Colorado State) start their fifth season with the Stampeders, while cornerback Larry Hopkins (Murray State) and Canadian rover Greg Peterson (BYU) are entering their fourth year.

The Stampeders' kicking game is sound with veteran place-kicker J.T.Hay, who was successful on 70.2 percent of his league-leading 57 attempts, and Glenn Harper (Washington State), who had the CFL's fourth-best punting average last year as a rookie.

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS

(6-11-1) The Roughriders got what they wanted last year when the CFL altered their long-standing playoff format to allow four teams from the Western Division to make the playoffs, while only two advanced from the East. But it didn't do them any good. They finished fifth in the West, missing the playoffs for the 10th straight time. And prospects for this season don't appear much better, which means the Riders could be in big trouble at the gate.

Last year, the franchise, which was once considered the strongest in the CFL, lost more than \$1 million. And as a community-owned team it can't stand to suffer losses of that magnitude for too many seasons. There are no corporations or sugar daddies to pick up the tab as a tax write-off. Even with a trimmed payroll the Riders need a minimum of 20,000–22,000 in the stands for every home game just to break even. Last year they averaged about 18,000. That chewed up the last of the club's once-healthy reserve fund and left it with a deficit of \$700,000 entering this season.

The Riders are starting from scratch in their efforts to survive. They fired general manager Bill Quinter and coach Jack Gotta. Replacing Quinter is former Rider and B.C. Lions' star Bill Baker, an intimidating defensive lineman in his playing days. John Gregory, the Blue Bombers' offensive line coach for the past four years, was named the new head coach. They'll have to turn things around rather quickly. If the team stumbles out of the starting blocks, fans are going to stay away.

"It's not that people out here are against football," said one local sage. "They're just against bad football."

There aren't too many areas where the Riders don't need to renovate. The quarterback position will get another overhaul after the trade of veteran Joe Paopao (Long Beach State) to Ottawa for former Colgate star Tom Burgess. Paopao, 32 and carrying a large salary, became expendable when the Riders grabbed former Blue Bomber quarterback John Hufnagel, who was originally signed as an assistant coach but whose playing rights were obtained in the equalization draft. Burgess, holdover Miker Kelly (Georgia Tech), and rookie Jeff Bentrim (North Dakota State) will compete for the starting job, but Hufnagel will be available if all three falter.

Things went from bad to worse when running back Bobby Johnson (San Jose State)

suffered a damaged vertabra in his neck late in the season. Examinations revealed that Johnson, who rushed for 869 yards and 12 touchdowns before the injury, had suffered a similar injury which had gone undetected in his college career. As camp neared his status remained a question mark as the club sought every assurance that he would not be in danger of suffering permanent damage before allowing him back in uniform. Mindful of that possiblity, the Riders snatched Walter Bender (Kent State) from Hamilton in the equalization draft. Bender had 618 rushing yards for the Ticats, which made him the fourth-leading rusher in the pass-happy CFL. The Riders have an alternative of going with a pair of Canadian running backs, with Denis Ferdinand supplying the bulk of the ball-carrying and 225-pound David Conrad providing the blocking. Going that route would free an import at a receiver position.

Ron Brown (Colorado) and Tron Armstrong (Eastern Kentucky) will battle Daric Zeno (Central State) and a host of newcomers at



wide receiver. Canadian Ray Elgaard, who gained 1,003 yards on 55 catches, has a hold on one slotback position, but the other side could be up for grabs, especially if Gregory can employ three import receivers.

The offensive line, led by Schenley Award winner Roger Aldag, is the one stable area on offense. In fact, it's the one spot where the Riders might be stronger, with nine-year veteran Neil Quilter returning healthy after missing most of last year with a knee injury.

Defensively, the Riders lost tackle Gary Lewis (Oklahoma State), who decided to test the NFL waters rather than take a pay cut. End Scott Virkus (Purdue) retired to pursue a career as a professional slow-pitch softball player. Canadians Nick Hebeler and Rick Goltz, a pair of former B.C. Lions, are the only solid

returnees on the line. Import Bobby Jurasin (Northern Michigan) will have to fight off competition to retain his job.

Linebacking is a solid spot. Outside backers Eddie Lowe (Alabama) and Billy Jackson (Mississippi State) are on a par with the league's better players at that position. Dave Albright (San Jose State) showed some ability against the run, but he lacks speed.

The coaches seemed to like what they saw of cornerbacks Trent Bryant (Arkansas) and Mike McGruder (Kent State) on film. That would leave Harry Skipper (South Carolina), a former CFL all-star who failed in his bid to catch on with the Cleveland Browns last year, vulnerable. The inside spots are also unsettled.

The Riders' kicking game? They don't have one. They lost place-kicker Dave Ridgway to Montreal in a trade. Unless they can get Ridgway back they might have to press backup receiver Mike McTague (North Dakota State), who is also the club's punter, into that role. It's not an ideal situation, but on a club with as many problems as the Riders, it's probably one of the less serious ones.

new american imports

AND CANADIANS WHO ATTENDED U.S. COLLEGES

BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS

Horace Barrett, DB, North Carolina Central; Kevin Bowman, WR, San Jose State (San Francisco-NFL); Walt Bowyer, DL, Arizona State (Denver-NFL); Fred Brockington, WR, Michigan; Tim Burnham, OT, Washington (Seattle-NFL); Tony Caldwell, LB, Washington (L.A. Raiders-NFL); Jack Campbell, OT, Utah (L.A.-USFL); James Feguson, WR, Sacramento State; Martin French, DB, USC; Dan Hurley, OT, Nebraska (Portland-USFL); Gary Kimble, DB, Sam Houston State; Keith Magee, WR, San Jose State; Nat Miller, DB, Cameron State (Denver-USFL); Sam Moore, WR, Sam Houston State (L.A. Rams-NFL); Ken Neil, DE, Iowa State (Philadelphia-NFL); Hank Norman, WR,



USC; Willard Scissum, OG, Alabama (Denver-NFL); Eugene Seale, LB, Lamar (New Jersey-USFL); Mike Tallferro, DT, TCU (Arizona-USFL); Mark Turner, DL, Miami-Ohio; Kevin Villars, WR, Weber State (St. Louis-NFL); Frank Frazier, DL, Miami; Darryl Hemphill, DB, North Texas State; Lafo Malauulu, WR, San Jose State; Robbie Minor, WR, Iowa State; Chris Pacheco, DT, Fresno State; Tim Ruiz, C, Utah State; Drew Smetana, OT, Oregon; Glen Soule, WR, Angelo State; Marcus Thomas, WB, Wyoming

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

Calvin Adams, DB, East Carolina (Hamilton-CFL); Dwight Beverley, RB, Illinois; Bruce Davis, WR, Baylor (Cleveland-NFL); Mark Gehring, TE, Washington; Brendell Hopkins, DL. Grambling; Patrick Langdon, DL, Tennessee; David Lee McCrary, DB, Tennessee-Chatta-nooga; Reggie Oliver, LB, Northern Michigan (San Antonio-USFL); Malcolm Scott, TE, LSU; David Wright, OG, BYU; Darryl Austin, DB, Texas A&M; Ricky Chatman, LB, LSU; John Esteban, WR, Carroll College, Mike Fitzsimmons, DE, Mississippi; Carl Fodor, QB, Marshall; Jimmie Hawkins, DB, Texas A&M; Clyde Johnson, DB, Kansas; Garcia Lane, DB, Ohio State; Steve Lyle, WR, Portland State; Rydell Malancon, LB, LSU; Benny Pegram, LB, N.C. State; Shawn Poole, OT, Montana; Darryll Toussaint, DB, Northwestern State; Greg Walker, OT, Mississippi; Ron Wheeler, TE, Washington

EDMONTON ESKIMOS

Stanford Baker, WR, Olivet; Doug Barnet, C, Azusa-Pacific (L.A. Rams-NFL); Kevin Biggers, DB, Nebraska; Stanley Blair, CB, Southeast Oklahoma; Julio Cortes, LB, Miami; Mike Grant, WR, Central Washington; Dwayne Harmon, CB, Long Beach State; Darrel Hopper, CB, USC; Fletcher Jenkins, DE, Washington; Stan Johnson, WR, Wisconsin-LaCrosse; Sankar Montoute, LB, St. Leo's; Isaac Reardon, DL, Hampton Institute; Brian Warren, LB, Arizona; Renard Young, DB, UNLV; Bruce Green, LB, Texas Southern; Ron Jenkins, WR, Colorado State; Kevin Maloney, DB, Colorado; Lloyd Mumphrey, DE, Mississippi Valley State

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS

Jeff Bentrim, QB, North Dakota State; Craig Birdsong, DB, North Texas State Bill Bonitati, DL, Rhode Island; Todd Brown, WR, Nebraska; Jim Dick, LB, North Dakota State; Rod Fisher, DB, Oklahoma State; Eric Florence, Santa Clara; Norris Gibbs, DB, Southern; Dwayne Hughes, LB, Monmouth; George Mack, WR, Ithaca; Todd McArthurd, DB, McNeese State; Otha McCoy, DB, Grambling; J.R. McKenna, LB, Mississippi State; Art Price, LB, Wisconsin; Jeff Roberts, DE, Tulane; Joe Stepanek, DL, Minnesota; Vince Thomson, DT, Missouri Western; Howard Wade, DL, Stephen F. Austin; John Walker, DL, Nebraska-Omaha; Tom Burgess, QB, Colgate (Ottawa-CFL)

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS

Thomas Dendy, RB, South Carolina; Mike LeBlanc, RB, Stephen F. Austin; Ken Pettway, DB, Cal-Berkley; Andre Pinsett, DE, Cal-Fullerton (Edmonton-CFL); Darrell Woods, DB, Jackson State; Fred Worthy, DT, Clemson (B.C.-CFL); Thanh Anderson, DB, Vanderbilt; Greg Battle, LB, Arizona State; Keith Biggers, LB, USC; Sheldon Gaines, LB, Long Beach State; Karl Jordan, DL, Vanderbilt; Pete Riley,

DB, Livingston; Ron Robinson, WR, Utah State (B.C.-CFL); Ken Winey, WR, Southern; Darren Yewchyn, WR, College of the Siskiyous

TORONTO ARGONAUTS

Gerald Browner, DT, L.A. Harbor Jr. College; Jeff Ellis, DE, Memphis State; Tom Flaherty, DE, Northwestern: Kevin Hairston, WR, New Mexico State; Slip Lane, DB, Mississippi (N.Y. Jets-NFL); Marcus Marek, LB, Ohio State (Breakers-USFL); Calvin Muhammad, WR, Texas Southern (Washington-NFL); Joe Phillips, SB, Kentucky; Kirk Phillips, WR, Tulsa; Reggie Pleasant, DB, Clemson; Tom Polley, LB, UNLV; Kelly Quinn, DE, Michigan State; Lewis Rash, DB, Mississippi Valley State; Tom Streeter, DB, Colorado; Dimitrius Thompson, WR, Langston College; Gary Thompson, DB, College of the Redwoods (Edmonton-CFL); Paul Tripoli, DB, Alabama; Dwayne Wilson, RB, Idaho State (Montreal-CFL)

OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS

Dennis Allen, WR, Kansas State; Wayne Ashberry, DB, Texas A&M; Kyle Finney, WR, Delta State; Ken Ford, LB, Texas A&M; Mike Gray, DL, Oregon (B.C.-CFL); Mark Harrison, RB, Wisconsin; Joe McHale, LB, Delaware; Reno Patterson, DL. Bethune-Cookman; Stacev Price, LB, Arkansas State; Carlton Rose, LB, Michigan (Memphis-USFL); Craig Shaffer, LB, Indiana State (Edmonton-CFL); Fred Smalls, LB, West Virginia; Thomas Stenglein, WR, Colgate; Dwight Storay, CB, Utah State; Vince Villanucci, DL, Bowling Green; Carl Williams, WR, Louisville; Anthony Woodson, LB, Hawaii (Calgary-CFL); Rodrick Brown, DB, Oklahoma State: Joe Charles, RB, Montana; Cornelius Dozier, LB, SMU; Joe Paopao, QB, Long Beach State (Saskatchewan-CFL); Troy Smith, WR, Texas Tech; Jeff Wickersham, QB, LSU: Tommie Williams, DB, Texas A&I

MONTREAL ALOUETTES

Greg Best, DB, Kansas State; James Cofer, LB, Carson-Newman; Will Cokely, LB, Kansas State; Carter Crawford, DT, Arkansas State; Issac Griffin, DE, Michigan State; Steve Griffin, WR, Purdue; Vince Halll, RB, Middle Tennessee State; James Harris, LB, Grambling; Mark Jackson, DB, Abilene Christian (Edmonton-CFL); Judious Lewis, WR, Arkansas State; David Martin, CB, Villanova; Vince Mattaliano, LB, Southern Connecticut State; Victor Oatis, WR, Northwestern; Ken Parker, DE, Georgia Tech; Ricky Porter, RB, Slippery Rock; Dwayne Pugh, LB, Illinois; Terry Shaw, SB, Utah; Brad Taylor, QB, Arkansas (Edmonton-CFL); Mike Thurman, CB, James Madison; Calvin Turner, DT, West Virginia; Don Wilson, DB. North Carolina State

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

Alvin Bailey, DB, Alcorn State (Tampa-USFL); Gary Burton, LB, Arkansas State; Jimmie Carter, LB, New Mexico (Detroit-NFL); William Cotman, DB, Emporia State (New Jersey-USFL); Darnell Dailey, LB, Maryland; Keith Fourcade, LB, Mississippi, (Memphis-USFL); Robert Goins, DB, Grambling; Wyatt Henderson, WR, Fresno State; Lawrence Jackson, DL, Presbyterian College; Doug Landry, LB, Louisianna Tech (San Diego-NFL); Johnny Lewis, NT, Oklahoma; Anthony Ketchum, WR, Houston; Marlon McIntyre, FB, Pittsburgh; Andrew Mowatt, WR, Ohio State; Jonathan Norris, DL, American International; Woody Pippens, FB, Thiel College; William Robinson, DB, Arizona State; Dan Sellers, DE, Cincinnati; Joe Smith, WR, Alabama

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opens up all kinds of opportunities for Payton and the Bears' offense. Safeties who ordinarily would play close like linebackers to stuff Payton now must backpedal to help cornerbacks run with Gault. "Defenses have to be aware of where he lines up on every play," said Bill Tobin, the Bears' director of player personnel.

True, there never will be a spot in the Pro Bowl for a decoy. But there ought to be room in the minds of football fans for Gault wherever overshadowed players are discussed.

Max Montoya, guard

Cincinnati Bengals

You mean Anthony Munoz? The guy from USC? No. Max Montoya. The guy from UCLA. Munoz is the best tackle in football, or close enough to prevent prolonged argument. Montoya plays on the same line, with similar results and dissimilar credit. Eight years after pining the Bengals as a seventh-round draft choice, Montoya finally was voted to the Pro Bowl last season, where fans promptly confused him with Munoz.

"Montoya may be the best pass-blocking guard in the league," said Jim McNally, Cin-

cinnati's offensive line coach.

McNally uses a grading system he learned from Jerry Wampfler of the Green Bay Packers to gauge the effectiveness of his blockers. In 451 pass plays last season when Montoya had to block someone, he gave up only one sack and only eight quarterback pressures.

"That means we can throw 49 times and the pass rusher over Montoya won't get close to our quarterback," McNally said. "Anything in the 20s is good, so Montoya's a great pass protector."

McNally calls Munoz "the best athlete ever to play in the line." He joined the league as a No. 1 draft choice and has only enhanced his reputation. But as is often the case, the prowess of one player has overshadowed the skill of another. "Montoya is a tough guy who deserves more recognition," said McNally, who was eager to provide his own list of underpublicized linemen. "I have not seen a better right tackle than a kid at Pittsburgh named Tunch Ilkin. That sonofagun can play."

Bill Pickel, nose tackle

Los Angeles Raiders

The Raiders have led the AFC in quarterback sacks for four seasons, which happen to coincide with the career of Bill Pickel. Who is the Raiders' leading sacker for the last three years combined?

Howie Long, of course. No? Then it must be Greg Townsend. No? What about Sean

Jones? Rod Martin? No.

It's Bill Pickel. The Raiders have all kinds of good quarterback sackers. The unusual thing

about Pickel is he plays nose tackle. Those guys aren't supposed to sack quarterbacks; they're supposed to sacrifice their own bodies so flashy teammates can get the glory.

True, teams double- and triple-team Long. But they do the same thing to Pickel. If one doesn't get through, the other will.

Mel Owens, linebacker

Los Angeles Rams

Owens was a No. 1 draft choice in 1981, the Lawrence Taylor-E.J. Junior-Hugh Green year. No wonder he is overlooked. Owens was the ninth player drafted that year but the fourth linebacker. He didn't start a game as a rookie and never had a chance to get mentioned in the same company as the first three. But Owens has developed into a much better than adequate outside linebacker. He hasn't always done it quietly, either. When Rams' cornerback Gary Green had an all-pro season in 1985, Owens analyzed the reasons for it.

"I'm playing in front of him," Owens said. "Teams just don't run or pass to my side. I'm serious. Teams are mostly right-handed, and just watch how often they'll come my way. They can't run on me. There's no tight end who can really block me, physically beat me."

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SCORING

RECORDS: Points: 176, Paul Hornung, Green Bay (1960) Touchdowns: 24, John Riggins, Washington (1983) Field goals: 35, Ali Haji-Sheikh, New York (1983) Extra points: 62, Mark Moseley, Washington (1983)

TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
Minnesota 48	14	31	3	44	48	22	28	0	398
San Francisco 43	16	21	6	41	43	25	35	0	374
Giants 42	18	22	2.	41	42	26	37	0	371
Washington 46	23	22	1	38	45	18	32	0	368
Chicago 38	21	12	5	36	38	28	41	2	352
Dallas 43	21	21	1	43	43	15	21	0	346
Rams 37	16	15	6	34	36	17	24	- 1	309
New Orleans 30	15	13	2	30	30	26	30	0	288
Atlanta 30	12	14	4	29	30	23	36	1	280
Detroit	13	18	1	31	32	18	25	0	277
Philadelphia 28	8	19	1	26	27	20	31	1	256
Green Bay 29	8	18	3	29	29	17	27	0	254
Tampa Bay 27	12	13	2	26	27	17	24	0	239
St. Louis 27	8	17	2	23	27	11	24	0	218

KICKERS

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XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Butler, Kevin, Chi	37	28	41	120
Wersching, Ray, S.F 41	42	25	35	116
Nelson, Chuck, Minn 44	47	22	28	110
Andersen, Morten, N.O 30	30	26	30	108
Allegre, Raul, Giants	33	24	32	105
Septien, Rafael, Dall 43	43	15	21	88
McFadden, Paul, Phil 26	27	20	31	86
Lansford, Mike, Rams	35	17	24	85
Murray, Ed, Det	32	18	25	85
Del Greco, Al, G.B	29	17	27	80
Igwebuike, Donald, T.B 26	27	17	24	77
Luckhurst, Mick, All 21	21	14	24	63
Zendejas, Max, Wash 23	28	9	14	50
Lee, John, St. L	17	8	13	38
Haji-Sheikh, Ali, All	8	9	12	34
Schubert, Eric, St. L 9	9	3	11	18
Cooper, Joe, Giants 4	4	2	4	10
Cox, Steve, Wash	0	3	5	9
Thomas, Bob, Giants 4	4	0	1	4
Atkinson, Jess, Wash	3	0	0	3
Donnelly, Rick, Atl	1	0	0	1

NON-KICKERS

TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Rogers, George, Wash 18	18	0	0	108
Rice, Jerry, S.F 16	1	15	0	96
Morris, Joe, Giants 15	14	1	0	90
Walker, Herschel, Dall	12	2	0	84
Dickerson, Eric, Rams	11	0	0	66
Payton, Walter, Chi	8	3	0	66
Jones, James, Det 9	8	1	0	54
Quick, Mike, Phil 9	0	9	0	54
Riggs, Gerald, Atl 9	9	0	0	54
Mayes, Rueben, N.O 8	8	0	0	48
Bryant, Kelvin, Wash7	4	3	0	42
Carter, Anthony, Minn7	0	7	0	42
Clark, Gary, Wash	0	7	0	42
Craig, Roger, S.F	7	0	0	42
Nelson, Darrin, Minn	4	3	0	42
Dorsett, Tony, Dall 6	5	1	0	36
Green, Roy, St. L 6	0	6	0	36
Jackson, Kenny, Phil	0	6	0	36
Jordan, Steve, Minn 6	0	6	0	36
Smith, J.T., St. L 6	0	6	0	36

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Chadwick, Jeff, Det	5	0	5	0	30
Cribbs, Joe, S.F.	5	5	0	0	30
Cunningham Randall, Phil	5	5	0	0	30
Gault, Willie, Chi	5	0	5	0	30
Hilliard, Dalton, N.O.	5	5	0	0	30
Johnson, Bobby, Giants	5	0	5	0	30
Magee, Calvin, T.B	5	0	5	0	30
Martin, Eric, N.O.	5	0	5	0	30
Mitchell, Stump, St. L	5	5	0	0	30
Newsome, Tim, Dall	5	2	3	0	30
Redden, Barry, Rams	5	4	1	0	30
Rice, Allen, Minn.	5	2	3	0	30
Sanders, Thomas, Chi		5	0	0	30
Sherrard, Mike, Dall		0	5	0	30
Thompson, Leonard, Det		0	5	0	30
Young, Steve, T.B.		5	0	0	30
Anderson, Alfred, Minn.		2	2	0	24
	. 4	0	4	0	24
Brown, Charlie, All		0	4	0	24
Brown, Ted, Minn.		4	0	0	24
Carruth, Paul, G.B.	4	2	2	0	24
Didier, Clint, Wash		0	4	. 0	24
Ellard, Henry, Rams		0	4	0	24
Epps, Phillip, G.B.		0	4	0	24
Giles, Jimmie, T.BDet.		0	4	0	24
Jones, Hassan, Minn.		0	4	0	24
Lofton, James, G.B.		0	4	0	24
Monk, Art, Wash.		0	4	0	24
Anderson, Ottis, St. LGiants		3	0	0	18
Brown, Ron, Rams		0	3	0	18
Ellerson, Gary, G.B.		3	0	0	18
Ferrell, Earl, St. L.		0	3	0	18
Gentry, Dennis, Chi.		1	0	2	18
Hill, Tony, Dall.		0	3	0	18
Irvin, LeRoy, Rams		0	0	3	18
James, Garry, Det		3	0	0	18
Jones, Mike, N.O.		0	3	0	18
Manuel, Lionel, Giants		0	3	0	18
Renfro, Mike, Dall.		0	3	0	18
Rouson, Lee, Giants		2	1	0	18
Sikahema, Vai, St. L.		0	1	2	18
Stanley, Walter, G.B.		0	2	1	18
Tice, John, N.O.		0	3	0	18
Tomczak, Mike, Chi.		3	0	0	18
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Whisenhunt, Ken, Atl	0	3	0	18
Wilder, James, T.B	2	1	0	18
Wonsley, Nathan, T.B	3	0	0	18
Young, Mike, Rams	0	3	0	18
Allen, Anthony, Atl 2	0	2	0	12
Bland, Carl, Det 2	0	2	0	12
Carter, Gerald, T.B 2	0	2	0	12
Chandler, Thornton, Dall 2	0	2	0	12
Clark, Dwight, S.F 2	0	2	0	12
Dixon, Floyd, All 2	0	2	0	12
Ellis, Gerry, G.B 2	2	0	0	12
Frank, John, S.F	0	2	0	12
Franklin, Pat, T.B 2	0	1	1	12
Freeman, Phil, T.B 2	0	2	0	12
Goodlow, Eugene, N.O 2	0	2	0	12
Gustafson, Jim, Minn 2	0	2	0	12
Holmoe, Tom, S.F 2	0	0	2	12
House, Kevin, Rams 2	0	2	0	12
Lewis, Leo, Minn 2	0	2	0	12
Lewis, Mark, G.B 2	0	2	0	12
Marshall, Wilber, Chi 2	0	0	2	12
Miller, Solomon, Giants 2	.0	2	0	12
Mowatt, Zeke, Giants	0	2	0	12
Mularkey, Mike, Minn 2	0	2	0	12
Ortego, Keith, Chi2	0	2	0	12
Robinson, Stacy, Giants	0	2	0	12
Sanders, Ricky, Wash 2	0	2	0	12
Suhey, Matt, Chi 2	2	0	0	12
Tautalatasi, Junior, <i>Phil.</i> 2	0	2	0	12
Williams, Scott, Det 2	2	0	0	12
Anderson, Neal, Chi	0	1	0	6
Andrews, William, All	1	0	0	6
Austin, Cliff, Atl	1	0	0	6
Barnes, Lew, Chi	0	0	1	6
Britt, James, Atl	0	0	1	6
Browner, Joey, Minn	0	0	1	6
Butler, Bobby, Atl	0	0	1	6
Byars, Keith, Phil	1	0	0	6
Carson, Harry, Giants	0	1	0	6
Cosbie, Doug, Dall	0	1	0	6
Cox, Arthur, Atl	0	1	0	6
Crawford, Charles, Phil 1	1	0	0	6
Cromwell, Nolan, Rams	0	0	1	6
Davis, Kenneth, G.B	0	1	0	6
DeBerg, Steve, T.B	1	0	0	6
Doleman, Chris, Minn	0	0	1	6
Duckworth, Bobby, Rams 1	0	1	0	6
Everett, Jim, Rams	1	0	0	6
Fellows, Ron, Dall	0	0	1	6
Flutie, Doug, Chi 1	1	0	0	6
Flynn, Tom, Giants	0	0	1	6
Fox, Chas, St. L	0	1	0	6
Francis, Russ, S.F	0	1	0	6
Garrity, Gregg, Phil	0	0	1	6
Gray, Mel, N.O	0	0	1	6
Griffin, Don, S.F	0	0	1	6
Harmon, Derrick, S.F	1	0	0	6
Haynes, James, N.O 1	0	0	1	6
Heflin, Vince, T.B	0	0	1	6
Heller, Ron, T.B	0	1	0	6
Hill, David, Rams1	0	1	0	6
Holt, Issiac, Minn	0	0	1	6
Howard, Bobby, T.B 1	1	0	0	6
Hunter, Herman, Det	0	1	0	6
Ivery, Eddie Lee, G.B 1	0	1	0	6
Jerue, Mark, Rams1	0	0	1	6
Johnson, Ron, Phil 1	0	1	0	6
Jordan, Buford, N.O 1	1	0	0	6
Venner Tanani Allan 4	1	0	0	6
Kramer, Tommy, Minn			-	

TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Lewis, David, Det	0	1	0	6
Lomax, Neil, St. L	1	0	0	6
Lott, Ronnie, S.F	0	0	1	(
Mandley, Pete, Det	0	0	1	6
Manley, Dexter, Wash	0	0	1	(
Martin, George, Giants	0	0	1	. 8
McConkey, Phil, Giants	0	1	0	(
McKyer, Tim, S.F	0	0	1	(
McMahon, Jim, Chi	1	0	0	(
Moorehead, Emery, Chi	0	1	0	6
Moroski, Mike, S.F	1	0	0	(
Newberry, Tom, Rams	0	0	1	(
Nixon, Tory, S.F	0	0	1	(
Orr, Terry, Wash1	0	1	0	-
Pelluer, Steve, Dall	1	0	0	1
Pitts, Mike, Atl	0	0	1	-
Rathman, Tom, S.F	1	0	0	-
Ross, Dan, G.B.	0	1	0	-
Schonert, Turk, Atl	1	0	0	-
Schroeder, Jay, Wash	1	0	0	-
Simmons, John, G.B	0	0	1	
Simms, Phil, Giants	1	0	0	
Spagnola, John, Phil	0	1	0	-
Stamps, Sylvester, All	0	1	0	
Stills, Ken, G.B.	0	0	1	-
Toney, Anthony, <i>Phil.</i>	1	0	0	
Warren, Don, Wash	Ó	1	0	
West, Ed, G.B.	0	1	0	1
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White, Danny, Dall	0	0	1	
Williams, Joel, All.		1	0	
Williams, Keith, Atl	0	0	0	
Wilson, Dave, N.O.	1	1	0	
Wilson, Mike, S.F	0		-	
Wilson, Wade, Minn	1	0	0	
Wright, Randy, G.B	1	0	0	
Brown, Greg, Phil 0	0	0	0	- 1
Gann, Mike, Atl 0	0	0	0	*
Hampton, Dan, Chi0	0	0	0	
Jeter, Gary, Rams 0	0	0	0	*
McMichael, Steve, Chi	0	0	0	7.

RUSHING

RECORDS Carries: 407, James Wilder, Tampa Bay (1984) Yards: 2,105, Eric Dickerson, Los Angeles (1984) TDs: 24, John Riggins, Washington (1983)

ATT	YARDS	1000000	LONG	TD
Chicago 606	2700	4.5	175	21
Atlanta 578	2524	4.4	48	12
Rams 578	2457	4.3	142	16
Giants 558	2245	4.0	54	18
New Orleans 505	2074	4.1	50	15
Philadelphia 499	2002	4.0	50	8
San Francisco 510	1986	3.9	129	16
Dallas 447	1969	4.4	184	21
Tampa Bay 455	1863	4.1	t59	12
St. Louis 419	1787	4.3	44	8
Detroit 470	1771	3.8	160	13
Minnesota 461	1738	3.8	60	14
Washington 474	1732	3.7	42	2
Green Bay 424	1614	3.8	50	1
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RECORDS:

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Completions: 347, Steve DeBerg, San Francisco (1979)
Touchdowns: 36, Y.A. Tittle, New York (1963)
Yards: 4,614, Neil Lomax, St. Louis (1984)
Longest for TD: 99 yards, Frank Filchock to Andy Farkas, Washington (1939)
99 yards, George Izo to Bobby Mitchell, Washington (1963)
99 yards, Karl Sweetan to Pat Studstill, Detroit (1966)
99 yards, Sonny Jurgensen to Gerry Allen, Washington (1968)
99 yards, Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick, Philadelphia (1985)

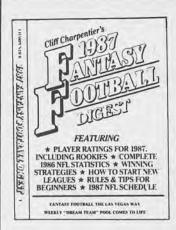
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ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	PCT TD	LONG	INT		RATING
Kramer, Tommy, Minn 372	208	55.9	3000	8.06	24	6.5	176	10	2.7	92.6
Montana, Joe, S.F 307	191	62.2	2236	7.28	8	2.6	48	9	2.9	80.7
Hipple, Eric, Det 305	192	63.0	1919	6.29	9	3.0	46	11	3.6	75.6
Simms, Phil, Giants 468	259	55.3	3487	7.45	21	4.5	49	22	4.7	74.6
Lomax, Neil, St. L 421	240	57.0	2583	6.14	13	3.1	t48	12	2.9	73.6
Schroeder, Jay, Wash 541	276	51.0	4109	7.60	22	4.1	t71	22	4.1	72.9
Archer, David, Atl	150	51.0	2007	6.83	10	3.4	65	9	3.1	71.6
Jaworski, Ron, Phil	128	52.2	1405	5.73	8	3.3	56	6	2.4 .	70.2
Pelluer, Steve, Dall 378	215	56.9	2727	7.21	8	2.1	t84	17	4.5	67.9
Wright, Randy, G.B 492	263	53.5	3247	6.60	17	3.5	62	23	4.7	66.2
Wilson, Dave, N.O 342	189	55.3	2353	6.88	10	2.9	163	17	5.0	65.8
Young, Steve, T.B	195	53.7	2282	6.29	8	2.2	46	13	3.6	65.5
NON-QUALIFIERS (10 or more attempts)									
White, Danny, Dall 153	95	62.1	1157	7.56	12	7.8	63	5	3.3	97.9
Kemp, Jeff, S.F	119	59.5	1554	7.77	11	5.5	166	8	4.0	85.7
Wilson, Wade, Minn 143	80	55.9	1165	8.15	7	4.9	39	5	3.5	84.4
Flutie, Doug, Chi 46	23	50.0	361	7.85	3	6.5	158	2	4.3	80.1
Cunningham, Randall, Phil 209	111	53.1	1391	6.66	8	3.8	t75	7	3.3	72.9
Moroski, Mike, S.F 73	42	57.5	493	6.75	2	2.7	52	3	4.1	70.2
Schonert, Turk, Atl 154	95	61.7	1032	6.70	4	2.6	41	8	5.2	68.4
Everett, Jim, Rams 147	73	49.7	1018	6.93	8	5.4	t60	8	5.4	67.8
Long, Chuck, Det 40	21	52.5	247	6.18	2	5.0	134	2	5.0	67.4
Ferguson, Joe, Det	73	47.1	941	6.07	7	4.5	73	7	4.5	62.9
Fusina, Chuck, G.B	19	59.4	178	5.56	0	0.0	42	1	3.1	61.7
McMahon, Jim, Chi 150	77	51.3	995	6.63	5	3.3	t58	8	5.3	61.4
Fuller, Steve, Chi 64	34	53.1	451	7.05	2	3.1	t50	4	6.3	60.1
Dills, Steve, Rams 129	59	45.7	693	5.37	4	3.1	t65	4	3.1	60.0
Bartkowski, Steve, Rams 126	61	48.4	654	5.19	2	1.6	42	3	2.4	59.4
Ferragamo, Vince, G.B 40	23	57.5	283	7.08	1	2.5	50	3	7.5	56.6
Collier, Regie, Dall 15	8	53.3	96	6.40	1	6.7	27	2	13.3	55.8
Cavanaugh, Matt, Phil 58	28	48.3	397	6.84	2	3.4	49	4	6.9	53.6
Stoudt, Cliff, St.L 91	52	57.1	542	5.96	3	3.3	124	7	7.7	53.5
Tomczak, Mike, Chi 151	74	49.0	1105	7.32	2	1.3	85	10	6.6	50.2
DeBerg, Steve, T.B 96	50	52.1	610	6.35	5	5.2	45	12	12.5	49.7
Hebert, Bobby, N.O	41	51.9	498	6.30	2	2.5	84	8	10.1	40.5

PUNTING

PASSING

Number: 114, Bob Parsons, Chicago (1981) Average: 51.4 yards, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940) Longest: 94 yards, Joe Lintzenich, Chicago (1931)

NO NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP RET	RET YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
Landeta, Sean, Giants 79	3539	61	44.8	11	0	41	386	24	37.1
Donnelly, Rick, Atl 78	3421	71	43.9	9	1	47	477	19	35.0
Cox, Steve, Wash 75	3271	58	43.6	16	0	36	220	21	36.4
Hansen, Brian, N.O 81	3456	66	42.7	11	1	37	234	17	36.6
Teltschik, John, Phil 108	4493	62	41.6	10	1	62	631	20	33.€
Runager, Max, S.F 83	3450	62	41.6	8	2	49	. 373	23	34.3
Coleman, Greg, Minn 67	2774	69	41.4	4	0	39	353	15	34.9
Buford, Maury, Chi 69	2850	59	41.3	8	1	23	110	20	36.9
Saxon, Mike, Dall 86	3498	58	40.7	10	1	41	301	28	34.4
Garcia, Frank, T.B 77	3089	60	40.1	8	0	38	410	19	32.7
Bracken, Don, G.B 55	2203	63	40.1	5	2	33	235	6	32.8
Black, Mike, Det 46	1819	57	39.5	5	1	21	250	11	31.3
Hatcher, Dale, Rams 97	3740	57	38.6	5	1	47	416	26	32.9
Cater, Greg, St.L 61	2271	52	37.2	4	1	24	130	16	33.2
NON-QUALIFIERS		-							
Arnold, Jim, Det 36	1533	60	42.6	4	1.	18	267	7	32.1
Arapostathis, Evan, St.L 30	1140	50	38.0	0	0	20	166	5	32.5
Renner, Bill, G.B 15	622	50	41.5	1	3	11	52	2	30.6
Nelson, Chuck, Minn 3	72	31	24.0	0	0	0	0	0	24.0
Cunningham, Randall, Phil 2	54	39	27.0	0	0	. 1	3	0	25.5
Wilson, Wade, Minn 2	76	46	38.0	0	-1	- 1	3	0	24.3
Murray, Ed, Det 1	37	37	37.0	1	0	0	0	0	17.0
Springs, Ron, T.B 1	43	43	43.0	0	0	1	4	0	39.0
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Cribbs, Joe, S.F 152	590	3.9	19	5
Byars, Keith, Phil 177	577	3.3	32	1
Ferrell, Earl, St. L 124	548	4.4	25	0
Cunningham, Randall, Phil 66	540	8.2	20	5
Davis, Kenneth, G.B 114	519	4.6	50	0
Redden, Barry, Rams 110	467	4.2	141	4
Hilliard, Dalton, N.O 121	425	3.5	36	5
Young, Steve, <i>T.B.</i>	425	5.7	31	5
Anderson, Alfred, Minn 83	347	4.2	29	2
Ellis, Gerry, G.B 84	345	4.1	24	2
Wonsley, Nathan, T.B73	339	4.6	159	3
Carruth, Paul, G.B 81	308	3.8	42	2
Archer, David, All 52	298	5.7	22	0
Ellerson, Gary, G.B 90	287	3.2	18	3
Springs, Ron, <i>T.B.</i>	285	3.9		0
Toney, Anthony, Phil 69	285	4.1	43	1
Austin, Cliff, Atl 62	280	4.5		1
Haddix, Michael, Phil 79	276	3.5		0
Suhey, Matt, Chi 84	270	3.2		2
Carthon, Maurice, Giants 72	260	3.6	12	0
Bryant Kelvin, Wash 69	258	3.7	122	4
Pelluer, Steve, Dall 41	255	6.2	21	1
Brown, Ted, Minn 63	251	4.0	60	4
Anderson, Ottis, St. LGiants 75	237	3.2	16	3
Sanders, Thomas, Chi 27	224	8.3	175	5
Thomas, Calvin, Chi 56	224	4.0	23 19	0 2
Rice, Allen, Minn	220	3.0	48	0
Stamps, Sylvester, All 30 Andrews, William, All 52	214	7.3	13	1
	207	3.0	10	1
Jordan, Buford, N.O 68 Griffin, Keith, Wash 62	197	3.2	12	0
Rouson, Lee, Giants 54	179	3.3	121	2
Tautalatasi, Junior, Phil 51	163	3.2	50	0
McMahon, Jim, Chi 22	152	6.9	23	1
Lomax, Neil, St. L	148	4.2	18	1
Anderson, Neal, Chi 35	146	4.2	23	Ó
Rathman, Tom, S.F	138	4.2	129	1
Tyler, Wendell, S.F 31	127	4.1	14	0
White, Charles, Rams 22	126	5.7	19	0
Tomczak, Mike, Chi 23	117	5.1	16	3
Howard, Bobby, T.B 30	110	3.7	16	1
Newsome, Tim, Dall 34	110	3.2	13	2
Gentry, Dennis, Chi 11	103	9.4	29	1
Crawford, Charles, Phil 28	88	3.1	15	1
Gault, Willie, Chi	79	9.9	33	0
Harmon, Derrick, S.F 27	77	2.9	15	1
Moore, Alvin, Det 19	73	3.8	18	0
Rice, Jerry, S.F 10	72	7.2	18	1
Simms, Phil, Giants 43	. 72	1.7	18	1
Dixon, Floyd, All	67	6.1	23	0
Sikahema, Vai, St. L 16	62	3.9	23	0
Galbreath, Tony, Giants 16	61	3.8	10	0
Collier, Reggie, Dall 6	53	8.8	21	0
Stoudt, Cliff, St. L	53	7.6	17	0
Kemp, Jeff, S.F	49	3.3	12	0
Kramer, Tommy, Minn 23	48	2.1	13	1
Schroeder, Jay, Wash 36	47	1.3	20	1
Coleman, Greg, Minn 2	46	23.0	30	0
Everett, Jim, Rams	46	2.9	14	1
Charge Tone S.E	46	2.9	13	0
Cherry, Tony, S.F	41	2.3	9	0
Wright, Randy, G.B 18	41	2.3	18	1
Montana, Joe, S.F	38	2.2	17	0
Flutie, Doug, Chi 9	36	4.0	19	1
Jaworski, Ron, Phil 13	33	2.5	10	0
Fuller, Steve, Chi 8	30	3.8	10	0
Gray, Mel, N.O 6	29	4.8	11	Õ
Johnson, Bobby, Giants 2	28	14.0	22	0
Monk, Art, Wash 4	27	6.8	21	0
Cavanaugh, Matt, Phil9	26	2.9	11	0
Ferguson, Joe, Det 5	25	5.0	14	0
Ivery, Eddie Lee, G.B 4	25	6.3	15	0
Johnson, Billy, All	25	4.2	10	0
Manuel, Lionel, Giants 1	25	25.0	25	0
Hunter, Herman, Del 3	22	7.3	18	0
Moroski, Mike, S.F 6	22	3.7	12	1
Williams, Scott, Det	22	1.7	5	2
Whisenhunt, Ken, Atl	20	20.0	20	0
Clack, Darryl, Dall 4 Rutledge left Giants 3	19	6.3	18	0
Rutledge, Jeff, Giants 3 Stanley, Walter, G.B 1	19 19	6.3	19	0
Stanley, Walter, G.B	19	1.4	14	1
Wilson, Wayne, MinnN.O 10	19	1.9	6	0
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Wolfley, Ron, St. L 8	19	2.4	8	0
Epps, Phillip, G.B 4	18	4.5	20	0
Williams, Keith, Atl 3	18	6.0	8	0
Del Rio, Jack, N.O 1	16	16.0	16	0
White, Danny, Dall 8	16	2.0	10	1
Hebert, Bobby, N.O 5	14	2.8	7	0
Jones, Hassan, Minn 1	14	14.0	14	0
Carter, Anthony, Minn 1	12	12.0	12	0
Matthews, Aubrey, Att 1	12	12.0	12	0
Schonert, Turk, All	12	1.1	7	1
Fusina, Chuck, G.B	11	1.6	6	0
Sherrard, Mike, Dall 2	11	5.5	8	0
Cosbie, Doug, Dall 1	9	9.0	9	0
Wilson, Wade, Minn 13	9	0.7	13	1
Clark, Bret, Atl 2	8	4.0	6	0
Waters, Mike, Phil 5	8	1.6	5	0
Campbell, Scott, All 1	7	7.0	7	0
Franklin, Pat, T.B 7	7	1.0	4	0
Jones, Joey, Atl 1	7	7.0	7	0
Bailey, Stacey, Att	6	6.0	6	0
Edwards, Kelvin, N.O 1	6	6.0	6	0
Jackson, Kenny, Phil 1	6	6.0	6	0
Lavette, Robert, Dall 10	6	0.6	5	0
Brown, Ron, Rams 4	5	1.3	11	0
Dils, Steve, Rams 10	5	0.5	5	0
Fowler, Todd, Dall 6	5	0.8	2	0
House, Kevin, T.B	5	2.5	4	0

PASS RECEIVING

Receptions: 106, Art Monk, Washington (1984) Yards: 1,570, Jerry Rice, San Francisco (1986) TDs: 17, Don Hutson, Green Bay (1942) 17, Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles (1951)

NO Rice, Jerry, S.F	YARDS 1570	AVG 18.3	LONG t66	
Craig, Roger, S.F	624		48	1
		7.7		
Smith, J.T., St.L	1014	1000	45	
Walker, Herschel, Dall 76	837	11.0	t84	1
Clark, Gary, Wash	1265	17.1	55	
Monk, Art, Wash	1068	14.6	69	8
Bavaro, Mark, Giants 66	1001	15.2	41	4
Lotton, James, G.B 64	840	13.1	36	9
Brown, Charlie, All 63	918	14.6	42	1
Clark, Dwight, S.F 61	794	13.0	t45	
Quick, Mike, Phil 60	939	15.7	175	
Jordan, Steve, Minn 58	859	14.8	t68	-
Ferrell, Earl, St.L	434	7.8	t30	
Jones, James, Det 54	334	6.2	21	B
Chadwick, Jeff, Det 53	995	18.8	73	1
Nelson, Darrin, Minn	593	11.2	34	
Hill, Tony, Dall 49		15.7	63	
Epps, Phillip, G.B 49	612	12.5	153	
Jones, Mike, N.O		13.0	45	
Newsome, Tim, Dall 48	421	8.8	30	
Magee, Calvin, T.B	564	12.5	45	
	511	11.6	34	1
Bland, Carl, Del		200	250	
Bryant, Kelvin, Wash 43	449	10.4	40	6
Wilder, James, T.B 43	326	7.6	25	
Gault, Willie, <i>Chi.</i> 42	818	19.5	153	
Carter, Gerald, T.B 42	640	15.2	46	
Dixon, Floyd, All 42	617	14.7	65	1
Green, Roy, St.L 42	517	12.3	t48	1
Sherrard, Mike, Dall 41	744	18.1	168	
Francis, Russ, S.F 41	505	12.3	52	
Fautalatasi, Junior, Phil 41	325	7.9	56	
Mitchell, Stump, St.L 41	276	6.7	24	
Spagnola, John, Phil	397	10.2	38	
Carter, Anthony, Minn	686	18.1	160	
Martin, Eric, N.O 37	675	18.2	84	
Payton, Walter, Chi	382	10.3	57	
Giles, Jimmie, T.BDet	376	10.2	30	
Tice, John, N.O	330	8.9	129	
Stanley, Walter, G.B	723	20.7		
Cribbs, Joe, S.F	346	9.9	33	
Didler, Clint, Wash,	691	20.3	171	Ÿ,
Ellard, Henry, Rams		13.1	134	e,
James, Garry, Det		6.4	26	
		8.1	19	
Galbreath, Tony, Giants				
Lewis, Leo, Minn		18.8	176	
Johnson, Bobby, Giants		17.2	144	8
lvery, Eddie Lee, G.B	385	12.4	100	
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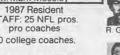


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Cosbie, Doug, Dall.		312	11.1	122 1
Redden, Barry, Rams		217	7.8	t24 1
Moorehead, Emery, Chi		390	15.0	85 1
Dickerson, Eric, Rams	26	205	7.9	28 0
Haddix, Michael, Phil		150	5.8	29 0
Brown, Ron, Rams		396	15.8	165 3
Thompson, Leonard, Det		320	12.8	136 5
Marsh, Doug, St.L		313 267	12.5	27 0 t36 1
Hunter, Herman, Det.		218	8.7	118 1
Cox, Arthur, Atl.		301	12.5	49 1
Ellis, Gerry, G.B.		258	10.8	29 0
Suhey, Matt, Chi	. 24	235	9.8	58 0
Springs, Ron, T.B.	24	187	7.8	46 0
Riggs, Gerald, All.	24	136	5.7	11 0
Carruth, Paul, G.B.		134	5.6	19 2
Ortego, Keith, Chi.		430	18.7	t58 2
Renfro, Mike, Dall. Wrightman, Tim, Chi.		325 241	14.8	130 3
Morris, Joe, Giants	21	233	111	23 1
Davis, Kenneth, G.B.	21	142	6.8	18 1
Goodlow, Eugene, N.O.		306	15.3	129 2
Stamps, Sylvester, All.		221	11.1	t39 1
Whisenhunt, Ken, All.	20	184	9.2	123 3
Warren, Don, Wash. Gentry, Dennis, Chi.	20	1.64	8.2	20 1
Gentry, Dennis, Chi.	19	238	12.5	41 0
Anderson, Ottis, St.LGiants		137	7.2	19 0
House, Kevin, T.BRams		384	213	t60 2
Brenner, Hoby, N.O.		286	15.9	34 0 23 0
Banks, Gordon, Dall		179	10.5	137 2
Ross, Dan, G.B.		143	8.4	16 1
Hilliard, Dalton, N.O.		107	6.3	17 0
Mayes, Rueben, N.O.	. 17	96	5.6	18 0
McConkey, Phil, Giants		279	17.4	46 1
Carthon, Maurice, Giants		67	4.2	10 0
Hunter, Tony, Rams		206	13.7	42 0
West, Ed, G.B.		199	13.3	146 1
Young, Mike, Rams		181	12.1	21 3
Brown, Ted, Minn		286	20.4	71 2
Freeman, Phil, T.B.		229	16.4	133 2
Johnson, Troy, St.L.	. 14	203	14.5	39 0
Hill, David, Rams	- 14	202	14.4	33 1
Little, David, Phil.	14	132	9.4	26 0
Toney, Anthony, Phil.	13	177	13.6	47 0
Rathman, Tom, S.F.		121	9.3	14 0
Garrity, Gregg, Phil.	12	227 164	18.9	34 0 t32 1
Williams, Keith, All.		130	10.8	32 0
Johnson, Ron, Phil.	3.2	207	18.8	39 1
Manuel, Lionel, Giants		181	16.5	35 3
Harris, Herbert, N.O.		148	13.5	27 0
Jordan, Buford, N.O.		127	11.5	37 0
Griffin, Keith, Wash.		110	10.0	28 0
Mularkey, Mike, Minn.		89	8.1	20 2
Byars, Keith, Phil	10	156	15.6	17 0 32 2
Duckworth, Bobby, Rams-Phil.	10	148	14.8	32 1
Edwards, Kelvin, N.O.		132	13.2	24 0
Bell, Jerry, T.B.		120	12.0	25 0
Mowatt, Zeke, Giants		119	11.9	30 2
Sikahema, Vai, St.L		99	9.9	27 1
Lewis, David, Det.		88	8.8	16 1
Miller, Solomon, Giants		144	16.0	t32 2
Wilson, Mike, S.F			7.6	18 1
Frank, John, S.F.			6.8	17 2
Rouson, Lee, Giants	. 8	121	15.1	137 1
Harmon, Derrick, S.F.	. 8	78	9.8	15 0
Wonsley, Nathan, T.B.	8	57	7.1	11 0
Moore, Alvin, Del		47	5.9	8 0
Jones, Joey, All.		141	20.1	41 0
Mandley, Pete, Del.		106	15.1	51 0
Franklin, Pal, T.B. Smith, Phil, Phil.		29 94	15.7	9 1 36 0
Williams, David, T.B.	. 6	91	15.2	25 0
Chandler, Thornton, Dall.		57	9.5	15 2
Johnson, Billy, All			9.5	27 0
Clark, Jessie, G.B.	. 6	41	6.8	12 0
Middleton, Ron, Atl.	6	31	5.2	8 0

1	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
ı	Scott, Chuck, Rams 5	76	15.2	21	0
1	Crawford, Derrick, S.F 5	70	14.0	42	0
١	Rubick, Rob, Det	62	12.4	27	0
1		61	12.2	18	2
1	Gustafson, Jim, Minn 5				
ı	Howard, Bobby, T.B	60	12.0	29	0
ı	Fox, Chas, St.L 5	59	11.8	138	1
1	Long, Darren, Rams	47	9.4	13	0
1	Andrews, William, All	35	7.0	14	0
ı	Lavette, Robert, Dall. 5	31	6.2	9	1
ı	Moffitt, Mike, G.B 4	87	21.8	34	0
1	Anderson, Neal, Chi 4	80	20.0	158	1
١	Barnes, Lew, Chi 4	54	13.5	14	0
۱	Thomas, Calvin, Chi 4	18	4.5	18	0
ı	Dunn, K.D., <i>T.B.</i>	83	27.7	38	0
ł	Harris, Leonard, T.B	52	17.3	23	0
l	Tilley, Pal, St.L	51	17.0	18	0
ı	Orr, Terry, Wash	45	15.0	122	1
١	Heflin, Vince, T.B	42	14.0	15	0
١	Holman, Scott, St.L	41	13.7	18	0
ì	Bailey, Stacey, Atl	39	13.0	21	0
١	Rhymes, Buster, Minn	25	8.3	12	0
ı	Rogers, George, Wash	24	8.0	13	0
ı	Austin, Cliff, All	21	7.0	9	0
ı	Gray, Mel, N.O	45	22.5	38	0
ı	Wolfley, Ron, St.L	32	16.0	28	0
ı	Waters, Mike, Phil 2	27	13.5	19	0
ı	Sanders, Thomas, Chi	18	9.0	18	0
ì	Darby Ryran Phil	16	8.0	13	0
N	Darby, Byron, Phil	12	6.0	6	0
ì	Williams, Scott, Det	9	4.5		0
١		- 51			
ı	Lewis, Mark, G.B.	7	3.5	14	2
ĺ	Monroe, Carl, S.F	6	3.0	5	0
Ì	Mathews, Aubrey, Atl	25	25.0	25	0
ı	Fowler, Todd, Dall.	19	19.0	19	0
ì	Clack, Darryl, Dall	18	18.0	18	0
ì	Gillespie, Willie, T.B.	18	18.0	18	0
ı	Carson, Harry, Giants	13	13.0	113	1
ł	Waymer, Dave, N.O.	13	13.0	13	0
١	Mallory, Rick, T.B.	9	9.0	9	0
ı	Tyrrell, Tim, Rams	9	9.0	9	0
ì	Bortz, Mark, Chi	8	8.0	8	0
ı	Ring, Bill, S.F.	8	8.0	8	0
į	Sargent, Broderick, St.L	8	8.0	8	0
N	Franz, Nolan, G.B	7	7.0	7	0
į	Holloway, Derek, Wash	7	7.0	7	0
Ì	White, Charles, Hams	7	7.0	7	0
Ø	Williams, John, N.O.	5	5.0	5	0
I	Novacek, Jay, St.L	2	2.0	2	0
ı	Hebert, Bobby, N.O	1	1.0	1	0
ı	Heller, Ron, T.B		1.0	11	1
ı	Wilson, Wayne, N.O.		-3.0	-3	0
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PUNT RETURNS

RECORDS

Number: 70, Danny Reece, Tampa Bay (1979) Yards: 646, Eddie Brown, Washington (1976) Longest for TD: 98 yards

Gill Lefebvre, Cincinnati (1933) Charlie West, Minnesota (1968) Dennis Morgan, Dallas (1974)

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	NO	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TO
Sikahema, Vai, St.L	43	16	522	12.1	171	2
Griffin, Don, S.F.	38	18	377	9.9	176	1
Mandley, Pete, Det	43	9	420	9.8	t81	1
Jenkins, Ken, Wash	28	11	270	9.6	39	0
Stanley, Walter, G.B	33	7	316	9.6	t83	1
Martin, Eric, N.O.	24	9	227	9.5	39	0
Barnes, Lew, Chi.	57	9	482	8.5	35	0
Sutton, Mickey, Rams	28	5	234	8.4	32	0
McConkey, Phil, Giants	32	12	253	7.9	22	0
Bess, Rufus, Minn.	23	10	162	7.0	15	0
Banks, Gordon, Dall	27	14	160	5.9	20	0
Dixon, Floyd, All	26	3	151	5.8	16	0
NON-QUALIFIERS						
Lavette, Robert, Dall	18	3	92	5.1	28	0
Garrity, Gregg, Phil.	17	7	187	11.0	t76	1
Cooper, Evan, Phil	16	7	139	8.7	58	0
Ellard, Henry, Rams	14	10	127	9.1	20	0
Futrell, Bobby, T.B.	14	5	67	4.8	12	0
Green, Darrell, Wash	12	2	120	10.0	23	0
McLemore, Dana, N.O.	10	3	67	6.7	23	0
Yarber, Eric, Wash	9	4	143	15.9	44	0
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1	10	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD	
Walker, Kevin, T.B	9	0	27	3.0	10	0	
Johnson, Billy, All.	8	8	87	10.9	30	0	
Poe, Johnnie, N.O.	8	3	71	8.9	17	0	
Lewis, Leo, Minn	7	4	53	7.6	13	0	
Jones, Joey, Atl	7	1	36	5.1	14	0	
Waters, Mike, Phil	7	1	30	4.3	13	0	
Smith, Phil, Phil	4	-1	18	4.5	7	0	
Crawford, Derrick, S.F	4	0	. 15	3.8	9	0	
Manuel, Lionel, Giants : .	3	6	22	7.3	12	0	
Harris, Leonard, T.B	3	0	16	5.3	8	0	
Collins, Mark, Giants	3	1	11	3.7	6	0	
Edwards, Kelvin, N.O	3	0	2	0.7	5	0	
Galbreath, Tony, Giants .	3	1	1	0.3	1	0	
Allen, Anthony, Atl.	2	0	10	5.0	9	0	
Tullis, Willie, N.O.	2	0	10	5.0	7	0	
Clark, Gary, Wash	1	3	14	14.0	14	0	
Stamps, Sylvester, Atl	1	0	8	8.0	8	0	
Smith, J.T., St.L.	1	0	6	6.0	6	0	
McKyer, Tim, S.F.	1	1	5	5.0	5	0	
Milot, Rich, Wash.'	1	0	3	3.0	3	0	
Carter, Carl, St.L.	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
Holloway, Johnny, Dall	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
Rice, Allen, Minn.	1	0	0	0.0	0,	0	

INTERCEPTIONS

RECORDS:

Number: 14, Dick Lane, Los Angeles (1952) Yards: 301, Don Doll, Detroit (1949) Longest return: 102 yards

Bob Smith, Detroit (1949) Erich Barnes, New York (1961)

TDs: 3, Dick Lynch, New York (1963) 3, Herb Adderley, Green Bay (1965)

3, Monte Jackson, Los Angeles (1976)

3, Rod Perry, Los Angeles (1976) 3, Ronnie Lott, San Francisco (1981)

2 or more	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Lott, Ronnie, S.F.	10	134	13.4	t57	1
Waymer, Dave, N.O.	. 9	48	5.3	17	0
Lee, Mark, G.B.	. 9	33	3.7	11	0
Gray, Jerry, Rams	. 8	101	12.6	28	0
Holt, Issiac, Minn.	. 8	54	6.8	27	0
Richardson, Mike. Chi	. 7	69	9.9	32	0
Irvin, LeRoy, Rams :	. 6	150	25.0	t50	1
Duerson, Dave, Chi	. 6	139	23.2	38	0
Downs, Michael, Dall,	. 6	54	9.0	31	0
Waters, Andre, Phil		39	6.5	21	0
McKyer, Tim, S.F.	. 6	33	5.5	121	1
Young, Roynell, PHil	. 6	9	1.5	9	0
Cromwell, Nolan, Rams		101	20.2	180	1
Clark, Bret, All.	. 5	94	18.8	34	0
Marshall, Wilber, Chi.	. 5	68	13.6	t58	1
Fellows, Ron, Dall	. 5	46	9.2	134	1
Mitchell, Devon, Det	. 5	41	8.2	17	0
Green, Darrell, Wash.	. 5	9	1.8	7	0
Browner, Joey, Minn	. 4	62	15.5	139	1
Galloway, Duane, Det		58	14.5	36	0
Fahnhorst, Jim, S.F.	. 4	52	13.0	46	0
Kinard, Tery, Giants	. 4	52	13.0	25	0
Fuller, Jeff, S.F.	. 4	44	11.0	26	0
Mack, Cedric, St.L.	. 4	42	10.5	24	0
Poe, Johnnie, N.O.	.4	42	10.5	30	0
Case, Scott, Atl.	. 4	41	10.3	41	0
Williams, Perry, Giants	. 4	31	7.8	15	0
Cade, Mossy, G.B.	.4	26	6.5	18	0
McNorton, Bruce, Det	. 4	10	2.5	10	0
Holmoe, Tom, S.F.	. 3	149	49.7	178	2
Harris, John, Minn.	. 3	69	23.0	28	0
Jordan, Curtis, Wash	. 3	46	15.3	20	0
Walls, Everson, Dall.	. 3	46	15.3	24	0
Newsome, Vince, Rams	. 3	45	15.0	34	0
Fencik, Gary, Chi.	. 3	37	12.3	24	0
Wattelet, Frank, N.O.	. 3	34	11.3	22	0
Hill, Kenny, Giants	. 3	25.	8.3	23	0
Cooper, Evan, Phil.		20	6.7	20	0
McKeever, Vito, T.B.	3	12	4.0	10	0
Lee, Carl, Minn.	. 3	10	3.3	10	0
Johnson, Alonzo, Phi.	3	6	2.0	9	0
Williamson, Carlton, S.F.	. 3	3	1.0	2	0
Griffin, Don, S.F.	. 3	0	0.0	0	0
Jackson, Vestee, Chi.		0	0.0	0	0
Nixon, Tory, S.F.	. 2	106	53.0	t88	1
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NO.	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Brantley, Scot, T.B 2	65	32.5	57	0
Gibson, Antonio, N.O 2	43	21.5	43	0
Croudip, David, All 2	35	17.5	29	0
Griffin, James, Det 2	34	17.0	21	0
Solomon, Jesse, Minn 2	34	17.0	18	0
Milot, Rich, Wash 2	33	16.5	31	0
Wilson, Otis, Chi 2	31	15.5	21	0
Reasons, Gary, Giants 2	28	14.0	18	0
Patterson, Elvis, Giants 2	26	13.0	26	0
Sutton, Mickey, Rams 2	25	12.5	20	0
Jerue, Mark, Rams 2	23	11.5	122	1
Welch, Herb, Giants 2	22	11.0	16	0
Washington, Lionel, St.L. 2	19	9.5	19	0
Johnson, Demetrious, Det 2	18	9.0	18	0
Williams, Joel, Atl 2	18	9.0	114	1
Maxie, Brett, N.O 2	15	7.5	15	0
Wilburn, Barry, Wash 2	14	7.0	14	0
Woodberry, Dennis, All 2	14	7.0	9	0
Carter, Carl, St.L 2	12	6.0	11	0
Williams, Jimmy, Det 2	12	6.0	11	0
Wilkes, Reggie, All 2	11	5.5	10	0
Jakes, Van, N.O 2	6	3.0	4	0
Bowles, Todd, Wash 2	0	0.0	0	0
Coffey, Ken, Wash 2	0	0.0	0	0
Curry, Craig, T.B 2	0	0.0	0	0
Greene, Tiger, G.B	0	0.0	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

RECORDS:

Number: 60, Drew Hill, Los Angeles (1981) Yards: 1,345, Buster Rhymes, Minnesota (1985) Longest: 106 yards

Al Carmichael, Green Bay (1956) Roy Green, St. Louis (1979) TDs: 4, Travis Williams, Green Bay (1967) 4, Cecil Turner, Chicago (1970)

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NO	YARDS		LONG	TD
Gentry, Dennis, Chi 20	576		191	1
Gray, Mel, N.O	866	27.9	1101	1
Sikahema, Vai, St. L 37	847	22.9	44	0
Bess, Rufus, Minn 31	705	22.7	43	0
Brown, Ron, Rams 36	794	22.1	55	0
Stamps, Sylvester, All 24	514	21.4	35	0
Hunter, Herman, Det 49	1007	20.6	54	0
Jenkins, Ken, Wash 27	554	20.5	37	0
Stanley, Walter, G.B 28	559	20.0	55	0
Elder, Donnie, PittDet 22	435	19.8	36	0
McConkey, Phil. Giants 24	471	19.6	27	0
Lavette, Robert, Dall 36	699	19.4	37	0
Freeman, Phil. T.B 31	582	18.8	33	0
Crawford, Charles, Phil 27	497	18.4	36	0
Sanders, Thomas, Chi 22	399	18.1	44	0
NON-QUALIFIERS (5 or more)		10.1	- 189	-
Clark, Darryl, Dall	421	22.2	51	0
Tautalatasi, Junior, Phil 18	344	19.1	51	
Crawford, Derrick, S.F 15	280		34	
Williams, Keith, All 14	225	18.2	32	
Verdin, Clarence, Wash 12	240	20.0	29	
Watts, Elbert, G.B 12	239	19.9	40	
Davis, Kenneth, G.B 12	231	19.3	35	
White, Charles, Rams 12	216	18.0	28	
Collins, Mark, Giants	204			
Mayes, Rueben, N.O 10	213	21.3	34	
Stills, Ken, G.B 10	209	20.9	38	
Wonsley, Nathan, T.B 10	208	20.8		
Swanson, Eric, St. L 10	206	20.6		
Rhymes, Buster, Minn 9	213	23.7	34	
Griffin, Keith, Wash 8	156	19.5	35	
Walker, Kevin, T.B.	146	18.3	26	
Monroe, Carl, S.F 8	139	17.4		
Ellerson, Gary, G.B	154	22.0	57	
Garner, Dwight, Wash	142	20.3	26	
Harris, Herbert, N.O	122	17.4		
Austin, Cliff, Atl	120	17.1	25	
Miller, Solomon, Giants 7	111		23	
Mitchell, Stump, St. L 6	203	33.8		100.50
Fox, Chas, St. L 6	161	26.8	38	
Bland, Carl, Del 6	114			
Futrell, Bobby, T.B	115	23.0	30	
Griffin, Don, S.F	97			
Sutton, Mickey, Rams 5	91	18.2	22	
Rice, Allen, Minn 5	88			
Smith, Oscar, Del	81	16.2		
Hill, Kenny, Giants	61			
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Points: 155, Gino Cappelletti, Boston (1964) Touchdowns: 23, O.J. Simpson, Buffalo (1975) Field goals: 34, Jim Turner, New York (1968) Extra points: 66, Uwe von Schamann, Miami (1984)

-TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
Miami 56	9	46	1	52	55	14	22	0	430
New England 45	10	29	6	44	45	32	41	-1	412
Cincinnati 51	24	25	2	50	51	17	32	1	409
Cleveland 45	20	18	7	43	44	26	33	0	391
Denver 45	17	22	6	44	45	20	28	2	378
Seattle 43	15	24	4	42	43	22	35	0	366
Jets 45	16	27	2	44	44	16	19	1	364
Kansas City 43	10	23	10	43	43	19	26	0	358
San Diego 41	19	21	1	39	41	16	25	1	335
Raiders 37	6	27	4	36	36	21	28	1	323
Pittsburgh 35	18	16	1	32	34	21	32	1	307
Buffalo	9	22	3	32	. 34	17	27	0	287
Houston 30	13	14	3	28	30	22	27	0	274
Indianapolis 27	10	16	1	26	27	13	25	1	229

KICKERS

XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Franklin, Tony, N.E 44	45	32	41	140
Johnson, Norm, Sea 42	42	22	35	108
Karlis, Rich, Den 44	45	20	28	104
Breech, Jim, Cin 50	51	17	32	101
Lowery, Nick, K.C	43	19	26	100
Bahr, Chris, Raiders36	36	21	28	99
Anderson, Gary, Pitt	32	21	32	95
Reveiz, Fuad, Mia52	55	14	22	94
Zendejas, Tony, Hou28	29	22	27	94
Leahy, Pat, Jets	44	16	19	92
Bahr, Matt, Clev 30	30	20	26	90
Benirschke, Rolf, S.D 39	41	16	25	87
Norwood, Scott, Buff	34	17	27	83
Biasucci, Dean, Ind	27	13	25	65
Moseley, Mark, WashClev25	28	12	19	61

NON-KICKERS

	D	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Winder, Sammy, Den		9	5	0	84
Warner, Curt, Sea	13	13	0	0	78
Hampton, Lorenzo, Mia	12	9	3	0	72
Walker, Wesley, Jets	12	0	12	0	72
Duper, Mark, Mia	11	0	11	0	66
Paige, Stephone, K.C	1	0	11	0	66
Clayton, Mark, Mia	10	0	10	0	60
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin	10	0	10	0	60
Mack, Kevin, Clev		10	0	0	60
Morgan, Stanley, N.E	10	0	10	0	60
Anderson, Gary, S.D	9	1	8	0	5
Brooks, James, Cin	9	5	4	0	5
Kinnebrew, Larry, Cin		8	1	0	5
Largent, Steve, Sea	9	0	9	0	5
Willhite, Gerald, Den	9	5	3	1	5
Abercombie, Walter, Pitt		6	2	0	41
Brooks, Bill, Ind		0	8	0	48
Christensen, Todd, Raiders		0	8	0	48
Collins, Tony, N.E		3	5	0	48
Hector, Johnny, Jets		8	0	0	48
Toon, Al, Jets		0	8	0	48
Williams, Dokie, Raiders		0	8	0	48
Wilson, Stanley, Cin		8	0	0	48
Allen, Marcus, Raiders		5	2	0	42
Brennan, Brian Clev		C	6	1	42
Fryar, Irving, N.E.	7	0	6	1	42

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MaCan Putard C.D.	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
McGee, Buford, S.D	7	0	0	42
Moore, Nat, Mia	0	7	0	42
Reed, Andre, Buff	0	7	0	42
Turner, Daryl, Sea	0	7	0	42
Bell, Greg, Buff 6	4	2	0	36
Dickey, Curtis, Clev 6	6	0	0	36
Hester, Jessie, Raiders 6	0	6	0	36
McNeil, Freeman, Jets 6	5	1	0	36
Smith, Jeff, K.C 6	3	3	0	36
Spencer, Tim, S.D	6	0	0	36
Bouza, Matt, Ind 5	0	5	0	30
Hardy, Bruce, Mia 5	0	5	0	30
Hill, Drew, Hou 5	0	5	0	30
Jackson, Earnest, Pitt 5	5	0	0	30
Malone, Mark, Pitt 5	5	0	0	30
Riddick, Rob, Buff 5	4	1	0	30
Slaughter, Webster, Clev 5	0	4	1	30
Thompson, Weegie, Pitt 5	0	5	0	30
Wallace, Ray, Hou 5	3	2	Õ	30
Winslow, Kellen, S.D 5	0	5	0	30
Adams, Curtis, S.D 4	4	0	0	24
Brown, Eddie, Cin 4	0	4	0	24
Burkett, Chris, Buff	0	4	0	24
Burruss, Lloyd, K.C	0	0	4	24
Butler, Raymond, Sea	0	4	0	24
Byner, Earnest, Clev			0	24
	0	4	200	
Carson, Carlos, K.C		0.00	0	24
Chandler, Wes, S.D 4	0	4	0	24
Erenberg, Rich, Pitt 4	1	3	0	24
Givins, Earnest, Hou 4	1	3	0	24
Green, Boyce, K.C 4	3	0	1	24
James, Craig, N.E 4	4	0	0	24
Johnson, Dan, Mia 4	0	4	0	24
Metzelaars, Pete, Buff 4	0	3	1	24
Rozier, Mike Hou 4	4	0	0	24
Shuler, Mickey, Jets 4	0	4	0	24
Bentley, Albert, Ind	3	0	0	18
Harden, Mike, Den	0	0	3	18
Lang, Gene, Den	1	2	0	18
Lipps, Louis, Pitt	0	3	0	18
McMillan, Randy, Ind	3	0	0	18
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev3	0	3	0	18
Pinkett, Allen, Hou	2	1	0	18
Pruitt, James, Mia	0	2	1	18

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TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Scott, Willie, N.E	0	3	0	18
Watson, Steve, Den	0	3	0	18
Arnold, Walt, K.C 2	0	1	1	12
Barksdale, Rod, Raiders 2	0	2	0	12
Baty, Greg, N.E	0	2	0	12
Butler, Jerry, Buff 2	0	2	0	12
Cherry, Deron, K.C	0	- 0	2	12
Coffman, Paul, K.C2	0	2	0	12
Elway, John, Den	1	1	0	12
Fontenot, Herman, Clev 2	- 1	1	0	12
Franklin, Byron, Sea	0 2	2.	0	12
Heard, Herman, K.C	0	2	0	12
Holt, Harry, Clev 2	1	1	0	12
Johnson, Vance, Den	0	2	0	12
Joiner, Charlie, S.D 2	0	2	0	12
Lane, Eric, Sea2	0	1	1	12
McNeil, Gerald, Clev	0	0	2	12
Moon, Warren, Hou 2	2	0	0	12
Munoz, Anthony, Cin 2	0	2	0	12
Nathan, Tony, Mia 2	0	2	0	12
Paige, Tony, Jets2	2	0	0	12
Pruitt, Mike, K.C	2	0	0	12
Robinson, Jerry, Raiders 2	0	0	2	12
Sewell, Steve, Den	1	1	0	12
Sohn, Kurt, Jets	0	2	0	12
Tatupu, Mosi, N.E	1	0	1	12
Woolfolk, Butch, Hou 2	Ó	2	o	12
Humphery, Bobby, Jets 1	0	0	1	*8
Beach, Pal, Ind1	0	1	0	6
Bellinger, Rodney, Buff	0	0	1	6
Bligen, Dennis, Jets1	1	0	0	6
Boyer, Mark, Ind	0	1	0	6
Breeden, Louis, Cin	0	0	1	6
Brister, Bubba, Pitt	1	0	0	6
Brown, Dave, Sea	0	0	1	6
Byrum, Carl, <i>Buff.</i>	0	1	0	6
Davenport, Ron, Mia	0	1	0	6
Donaldson, Jeff, Hou	0	0	1	6
Edmonds, Bobby Joe, Sea 1	0	0	1	6
Edwards, Eddie, Cin 1	0	0	1	6
Esiason, Boomer, Cin	1	0	0	6
Flick, Tom, S.D	1	0	0	6
Gill, Owen, Ind	1	0	0	6
Gothard, Preston, Pitt	0	1	0	6
Grogan, Steve, N.E	1	0	0	6
Gross, Al, Clev	0	0	1	6
Harmon, Ronnie, Buff	0	1	0	6
Hayes, Jeff, Cin	1	0	0	6
Hayes, Lester, Raiders	0	0	1	6
Hill, Greg, K.C	0	0	1	6
Hogeboom, Gary, Ind 1	1	0	0	6
Holohan, Pete, S.D 1	0	1	0	6
Hudson, Gordon, Sea	0	1	0	6
Jackson, Mark, Den	0	1	0	6
Jennings, Stanford, Cin	1	0	0	6
Jensen, Jim, Mia	0	1	0	6
Johnson, Trumaine, S.D	0	1	0	6
Jones, Cedric, N.E	0	1	0	6
Kay, Clarence, Den	0	1	0	6
Krieg, Dave, Sea	1	0	0	6
Langhorne, Reggie, Clev 1	Ó	1	0	6
Lyles, Robert, Hou	0	0	1	6
Marion, Fred, N.E 1	0	0	1	6
Marshall, Henry, K.C 1	0	1	0	6
McCallum, Napoleon, Raiders1	1	0	0	6

TD	TDR	TOP	TDM	PTS
McGee, Tim, Cin	0	1	0	6
McSwain, Rod, N.E	0	0	1	6
Minnifield, Frank, Clev	0	0	1	6
Mobley, Orson, Den	0	1	0	6
Moore, Ricky, Buff	1	0	0	6
Moriarty, Larry, Hou	1	0	0	6
Morris, Randall, Sea	1	0	0	6
Moyer, Paul, Sea	0	0	1	6
Munchak, Mike Hou	0	0	1	6
O'Neal, Leslie, S.D	0	0	1	6
Parker, Andy, Raiders1	0	1	0	6
Pitts, Ron, Buff	0	0	1	6
Rembert, Johnny, N.E	0	0	1	6
Ross, Kevin, K.C	0	0	1	6
Sanchez, Lupe, Pitt	0	0	1	6
Sherwin, Tim, Ind1	0	1	.0	6
Stallworth, John, Pitt	0	1	0	6
Studdard, Dave, Den	0	1	0	6
Sweeney, Calvin, Pitt	0	1	0	6
Teal, Jimmy, Buff	0	1	0	6
Townsell, JoJo, Jets	0	0	1	6
Townsend, Andre Den	0	0	1	6
Trudeau, Jack, Ind	1	0	0	6
Walker, Fulton, Raiders1	0	0	1	6
Weathers, Robert, N.E	1	0	0	6
Williams, Brent, N.E	0	0	1	6
Williams, Jamie, Hou	0	1	0	6
Wilson, Steve, Den	0	1	0	6
Wonsley, George, Ind	1	0	0	6
Woodard, Ken, Den	0	0	1	6
Wright, Felix, Clev	0	0	1	6
Edwards, David, Pitt 0	0	0	0	*2
Jones, Rulon, Den 0	0	0	0	*2
Leiding, Jeff, Ind 0	0	0	0	*2
Townsend, Greg, Raiders 0	0	0	0	*2
White, Leon, Cin 0	0	0	0	*2
* Safety (also team safeties: Den., NE., S.D.,)			
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RUSHING

RECORDS:

Carries: 380, Marcus Allen, Los Angeles, (1985) Yards: 2,003, O.J. Simpson, Buffalo (1973) TDs: 19, Earl Campbell, Houston (1979)

ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Cincinnati		4.9	161	24
Seattle	2300		160	15
Pittsburgh	2223			18
Raiders	1790			6
Jets				16
Houston	1700			13
Denver	1678	3.7	42	17
Buffalo		3.9		9
Cleveland	1650	3.5		20
San Diego 471	1,55	3.3	24	19
Miami			154	9
Indianapolis		3.7	170	10
		2.10		10
Kansas City	1373			10
New Eligianu409	10/0	2.9	31	10
Warner, Curt, Sea 319		4.6	t60	13
Brooks, James, Cin 205		5.3	t56	5
Jackson, Earnest, Pitt 216			31	
Abercrombie, Walter, Pitt 214			t38	6
McNeil, Freeman, Jets 214		4.0	40	5
Hampton, Lorenzo, Mia 186		4.5	t54	9
Winder, Sammy, Den 240		3.3	31	9
Allen, Marcus, Raiders 208	759	3.6	128	-5
Mack, Kevin, Clev 174	665	3.8	20	10
Rozier, Mike, Hou 199	662	3.3		4
Riddick, Robb, Buff 150	632	4.2	141	4
McMillan, Randy, Ind 189	609	3.2	28	3
Hector, Johnny, Jets 164	605	3.7	41	8
Williams, John L., Sea 129	538	4.2	36	0
McCallum, Napoleon, Raiders142	536	3.8	18	- 1
Dickey, Curtis, Clev 135	523	3.9	47	6
Kinnebrew, Larry, Cin 131	519	4.0	39	8
Pruitt, Mike, K.C 139		3.2	16	2
Anderson, Gary, S.D 127		3.5	17	1
James, Craig, N.E 154			16	4
Collins, Tony, N.E 156	412		17	3
Wilson, Stanley, Cin 68			t58	8
Bell, Greg, Buff 90			42	4
Adams, Curtis, S.D	366		22	4
Willhite, Gerald, Den 85	365		42	5
Bentley, Albert, Ind 73				3

PASSING

RECORDS:

Completions: 378, Dan Marino, Miami (1986)
Touchdowns: 48, Dan Marino, Miami (1984)
Yards: 5,084, Dan Marino, Miami (1984)
Longest for TD: 99 yards, Jim Plunkett to Cliff Branch, Los Angeles (1983)

	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	PCT TD	LONG	INT	PCT INT	RATING
Marino, Dan, Mia	623	378	60.7	4746	7.62	44	7.1	t85	23	3.7	92.5
Krieg, Dave, Sea	375	225	60.0	2921	7.79	21	5.6	172	11	2.9	91.0
Eason, Tony, N.E.	448	276	61.6	3328	7.43	19	4.2	49	10	2.2	89.2
Esiason, Boomer, Cin	469	273	58.2	3959	8.44	24	5.1	57	17	3.6	87.7
O'Brien, Ken, Jets	482	300	62.2	3690	7.66	25	5.2	t83	20	4.1	85.8
Kosar, Bernie, Clev	531	310	58.4	3854	7.26	17	3.2	172	10	1.9	83.8
Kelly, Jim, Buff	480	285	59.4	3593	7.49	22	4.6	184	17	3.5	83.3
Plunkett, Jim, Raiders	252	133	52.8	1986	7.88	14	5.6	t81	9	3.6	82.5
Elway, John, Den.		280	55.6	3485	6.91	19	3.8	53	13	2.6	79.0
Fouts, Dan, S.D.	430	252	58.6	3031	7.05	16	3.7	165	22	5.1	71.4
Kenney, Bill, K.C.	308	161	52.3	1922	6.24	13	4.2	53	11	3.6	70.8
Wilson, Marc, Raiders	240	129	53.8	1721	7.17	12	5.0	t57	15	6.3	67.4
Malone, Mark, Pitt	425	216	50.8	2444	5.75	15	3.5	48	18	4.2	62.5
Moon, Warren, Hou	488	256	52.5	3489	7.15	13	2.7	t81	26	5.3	62.3
Trudeau, Jack, Ind	417	204	48.9	2225	5.34	8	1.9	184	18	4.3	53.3
NON-QUALIFIERS (10 or more att	empts)									
Strock, Don, Mia		14	70.0	152	7.60	2	10.0	21	0	0.0	125.4
Grogan, Steve, N.E.	102	62	60.8	976	9.57	9	8.8	t69	2	2.0	113.8
Kiel, Blair, Ind	. 25	- 11	44.0	236	9.44	2	8.0	50	0	0.0	104.8
Ryan, Pat, Jets	. 55	34	61.8	342	6.22	2	3.6	36	1	1.8	84.1
Hogeboom, Gary, Ind	144	85	59.0	1154	8.01	6	4.2	60	6	4.2	81.2
Gilbert, Gale, Sea	. 76	42	55.3	485	6.38	3	3.9	t38	3	3.9	71.4
Hilger, Rusty, Raiders	. 38	19	50.0	266	7.00	1	2.6	54	1	2.6	70.7
Blackledge, Todd, K.C		96	45.5	1200	5.69	10	4.7	170	6	2.8	67.6
Herrmann, Mark, S.D	. 97	51	52.6	627	6.46	2	2.1	28	3	3.1	66.8
Kubiak, Gary, Den	. 38	23	60.5	249	6.55	1	2.6	26	3	7.9	55.7
Anderson, Ken, Cin	. 23	11	47.8	171	7.43	1	4.3	43	2	8.7	51.2
Luck, Oliver, Hou	. 60	31	51.7	341	5.68	1	1.7	27	5	8.3	39.7
Brister, Bubba, Pitt		21	35.0	291	4.85	0	0.0	58	2	3.3	37.6
Flick, Tom, S.D		33	45.2	361	4.95	2	2.7	26	8	11.0	29.9
Reich, Frank, Buff	. 19	9	47.4	104	5.47	0	0.0	37	2	10.5	24.8

PUNTING

RECORDS:

Number: 105, Bob Scarpitto, Denver (1967) Average: 46.2 yards, Dave Lewis, Cincinnati (1970) Longest: 98 yards, Steve O'Neal, New York (1969)

- NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP RET	RET YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
Slark, Rohn, Ind 76	3432	63	45.2	5	0	48	502	22	37.2
Roby, Reggie, Mia 56	2476	73	44.2	9	0	23	200	13	37.4
Camarillo, Rich, N.E 89	3746	64	42.1	7	3	60	565	16	33.1
Mojsiejenko, Ralf, S.D	3026	62	42.0	11	2	42	368	15	32.9
Gossett, Jeff, Clev 83	3423	61	41.2	10	0	44	268	21	35.6
Johnson, Lee, Hou 88	3623	66	41.2	9	0	40	303	26	35.7
Colbert, Lewis, K.C	4033	56	40.7	6	0	- 52	572	23	33.7
Kidd, John, Buff	3031	57	40.4	9	0	32	260	14	34.5
Guy, Ray, Raiders 90	3620	64	40.2	11	0	42	357	20	33.8
Newsome, Harry, Pitt 86	3447	64	40.1	11	3	34	364	18	32.2
Jennings, Dave, Jets 85	3353	55	39.4	6	0	36	165	27	36.1
Gamache, Vince, Sea 79	3048	55	38.6	7	0	38	298	10	33.0
Hayes, Jeff, Cin	1965	52	35.1	3	2	19	182	11	29.7
(NON-QUALIFIERS)									
Weil, Jack, Den	1344	55	39.5	3	0	20	169	5	32.8
Norman, Chris, Den 30	1168	57	38.9	4	1	9	94	2	32.1
Horan, Mike, Den 21	864	50	41.1	2	0	- 11	99	8	34.5
Chandler, Wes, S.D 5	167	38	33.4	0	0	1	2	0	33.0
Kiel, Blair, Ind 5	190	43	38.0	0	0	4	31	0	31.8
Esiason, Boomer, Cin	31	31	31.0	0	0	0	0	1	31.0
Zendejas, Tony, Hou	36	36	36.0	- 0	0	0	0	1	36.0
Leader based on gross average, minimum 40 punts									

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AT	T YAR	DS	AVG	LONG	TD	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Spencer, Tim, S.D 9	9 3	50	3.5	23	6	Wonsley, George, Ind 60	214	3.6	46	1
Davenport, Ron, Mia 7	5 3	14	4.2	35	0	Nathan, Tony, Mia 27	203	7.5	20	0
Green, Boyce, K.C 9	0 3	14	3.5	27	3	Kelly, Jim, Buff 41	199	4.9	20	0
Heard, Herman, K.C 7	1 2	95	4.2	40	2	McGee, Buford, S.D 63	187	3.0	20	7
Byner, Earnest, Clev 9	4 2	77	2.9	37	2	Harmon, Ronnie, Buff 54	172	3.2	38	0
Elway, John, Den 5	2 2	57	4.9	24	1	Tatupu, Mosi, N.E 71	172	2.4	13	1
Moriarty, Larry, HouK.C 9	0 2	52	2.8	11	1	Eason, Tony, N.E 35	170	4.9	26	0
Hawkins, Frank, Raiders 5	8 2	45	4.2	15	0	Erenberg, Rich, Pitt 42	170	4.0	17	1
Smith, Jeff, K.C 5	4 2	38	4.4	132	3	Bennett, Woody, Mia 36	162	4.5	16	0
Gill, Owen, Ind 5	3 2	28	4.3	18	1	Moon, Warren, Hou 42	157	3.7	19	2
Johnson, Bill, Cin 3	9 2	26	5.8	34	0	Byrum, Carl, Buff 38	156	4.1	18	0
Pinkett. Allen. Hou 7	7 2	25	2.9	14	2	Morris, Randall, Sea 19	149	7.8	149	1
James, Lionel, S.D 5	1 2	24	4.4	24	0	Givins, Earnest, Hou 9	148	16.4	143	- 1
	2 2	18	4.2	19	3	Esiason, Boomer, Cin 44	146	3.3	23	1

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Sewell, Steve, Den. 23	123	5.3	15	1
Krieg, Dave, Sea	122	3.5	19	1 2
Paige, Tony, Jets 47 Malone, Mark, Pitt 31	109	3.5	45	5
Fontenot, Herman, Clev 25	105	4.2	16	1
Moore, Ricky, Buff 33	104	3.2	14	1
Lang, Gene, Den 29	94	3.2	14	1
Hayes, Jeff, Cin 3	92	30.7	t61	1
Pollard, Frank, Pitt 24 Banks, Chuck, Hou 29	86. 80	3.6	12	0
Banks, Chuck, Hou	80	20.0	31	0
Bligen, Dennis, Jets 20	65	3.3	10	1
Blackledge, Todd, K.C 23	60	2.6	14	0
Weathers, Robert, N.E 21	58	2.8	116	1
Woolfolk, Butch, Hou. 23 Jennings, Stanford, Cin. 16	57 54	2.5	15	0
Jennings, Stanford, Cin 16 Strachan, Steve, Raiders 18	53	2.9	10	0
Hilger, Rusty, Raiders 6	48	8.0	16	0
Plunkett, Jim, Raiders 12	47	3.9	11	0
O'Brien, Ken, <i>Jets</i> 17	46	2.7	11	0
Wilson, Marc, Raiders 14 Everett, Major, Clev 12	45	3.2	13	0
Dupard, Reggie, N.E 15	39	2.6	11	0
Clayton, Mark, Mia	33	16.5	22	0
Brown, Eddie, Cin 8	32	4.0	17	0
Hughes, David, Pitt 14	32	2.3	8	0
Mueller, Vance, Raiders 13	30 28	2.3	18	0
Ryan, Pat, Jets 8 Barber, Marion, Jets 11	27	2.5	8	0
Williams, Dokie, Raiders 3	27	9.0	19	0
Grogan, Steve, N.E 9	23	2.6	10	1.
Kubiak, Gary, Den 6	22	3.7	10	0
Trudeau, Jack, Ind	21	1.6	8	
Hogeboom, Gary, Ind. 10 Kiel, Blair, Ind. 3	20	6.7	6 9	0
Reeder, Dan, Pitt 6	20		6	0
Kosar, Bernie, Clev 24	19	0.8	17	0
Carter, Joe, Mia 4	18	4.5	9	0
Wilkins, Gary, Buff	18	6.0	11	0
Bell, Ken, Den	17 16	1.9	12 t16	0
Johnson, Vance, Den 5	15	3.0	6	o
Bouza, Matt, Ind	12	12.0	12	0
Luck, Oliver, Hau 2	12	6.0	8	0
McNeil, Gerald, Clev 1	12	12.0	12	0
Sanders, Chuck, Pitt 4 Capers, Wayne, Ind 1	12	3.0		0
Lane, Eric, Sea 6	11	1.8	4	0
Brister, Bubba, Pitt 6	10	1.7	9	1
King, Bruce, Buff 4	10	2.5	7	
McGee, Tim, Cin 4	10	2.5	8	
Gilbert, Gale, Sea	8	2.7	12	
Herrmann, Mark, S.D 2	6		6	
Jackson, Mark, Den 2	6	3.0	5	0
Brooks, Bill, Ind 4	5	1.3	12	0
Faaola, Nuu, Jets	5	1.7	7	0
Flick, Tom, S.D 6 Hawthorne, Greg, N.E 1	5		5	
Gaynor, Doug, Cin 1	4		4	
Edwards, Stan, Hou 1	3		3	
Boddie, Tony, Den	2		2	
Franklin, Byron, Sea	2		2 2	
Townsell, JoJo, Jets 1	2		2	
Oliver, Hubert, Hou 1	1	1.0	1	0
Slaughter, Webster, Clev 1	1		1	
Guy, Ray, Raiders	0		0	
Horan, Mike, Den	0		- 0	
Kenney, Bill, K.C 18	0		9	
Kidd, John, Buff 1	0		0	
Pagel, Mike, Clev	0		0	
Reich, Frank, Buff	0		0	
Strock, Don, Mia	0			
Mathison, Bruce, S.D 1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Mobley, Orson, Den 1	-1			
Paige, Stephone, K.C 2	-2			
Fouts, Dan, S.D 4 Lipps, Louis, Pitt 4	-3 27			
Marino, Dan, Mia 12	-3	-0.3		
Toon, Al, Jets		-1.5		
				1 - 1

ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD.
Broughton, Walter, Buff 1	-6	-6.0	-6	
Ramsey, Tom, N.E 1	-6	-6.0	-6	0
Jones, Cedric, N.E 1		-7.0	-7	0
Reed, Andre, Buff 3		-2.7	4	0
Roby, Reggie, Mia 2		-4.0	0	0
Duper, Mark, Mia 1		-10.0	-10	0
Edmonds, Bobby Joe, Sea 1		-11.0	-11	0
Langhorne, Reggie, Clev 1		-11.0	-11	0
Norman, Chris, Den		-11.0	-11	
Sohn, Kurt, Jets 2	-11	-5.5	-3	0
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin 2		-8.0	-6	0

PASS RECEIVING

Receptions: 101, Charlie Hennigan, Houston (1964) Yards: 1,746, Charlie Hennigan, Houston (1961)

		YARDS		LONG TD
Christensen, Todd, Raiders 9		1153	12.1	35 8
Toon, Al, Jets 8	5	1176	13.8	162 8
Morgan, Stanley, N.E 8		1491	17.8	144 10
Anderson, Gary, S.D 8	0	871	10.9	t65 8
Collins, Tony, N.E		684	8.9	49 5
Bouza, Matt, Ind	1	830	11.7	33 5
argent, Steve, Sea		1070	15.3	138 9
Shuler, Mickey, Jets 6		675	9.8	136 4
Duper, Mark, Mia 6	7	1313	19.6	t85 11
Brooks, Bill, Ind 6		1131	17,4	184 8
Hill, Drew, Hou 6	5	1112	17.1	181 5
Winslow, Kellen, S.D 6	4	728	11.4	128 5
Willhite, Gerald, Den 6	4	529	8.3	31 3
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin 6		1024	16.5	
Givins, Earnest, Hou		1062	17.4	60 3
Hampton, Lorenzo, Mia			7.3	19 3
Clayton, Mark, Mia	0	1150	19.2	168 10
Brown, Eddie, Cin	8	964	16.6	57 4
Chandler, Wes, S.D.	6	874	15.6	40 4
Brennan, Brian, Clev	5	838	15.2	157 6
Brooks, James, Cin	4	686	12.7	54 4
Hardy, Bruce, Mia.	4	430	8.0	118 5
Reed, Andre, Buff.	3	739	13.9	155 7
Paige, Stephone, K.C.	2	829	15.9	51 11
Walker, Wesley, Jets	19	1016	20.7	t83 12
Metzelaars, Pete, Buff	19	485	9.9	144 3
Riddick, Robb, Buff.		468	9.6	131 1
McNeil, Freeman, Jets		410	8.4	26 1
Nathan, Tony, Mia.	18	457	9.5	123 2
Fontenot, Herman, Clev	17	559	11.9	172 1
Abercrombie, Walter, Pitt	17	395	8.4	27 2
Marshall, Henry, K.C.	16	652	14.2	31 1
Allen, Marcus, Raiders	16	453	9.8	
Watson, Steve, Den.	15	699	15.5	46 3
Williams, Dokie, Raiders	13	843	19.6	53 8
Fryar, Irving, N.E.		737	17.1	t69 6
Warner, Curt, Sea	11		8.3	26 (
Slaughter, Webster, Clev.	10	577	14.4	t47 4
Holman, Rodney, Cin.		570	14.3	134 2
Langhorne, Reggie, Clev		678	17.4	
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev.		417	10.7	31 3
Jackson, Mark, Den		738	19.4	
Lipps, Louis, Pitt.	38	590	15.5	
Moore, Nat, Mia.	38	431	11.3	138
Baty, Greg, N.E.	37	331	8.9	22 2
Byner, Earnest, Clev.	37	328	8.9	40 2
Pinkett, Allen, Hou.	35	248	7.1	20
Burkett, Chris, Buff.	34	778	22.9	184
Stallworth, John, Pilt.	34	466	13.7	140
Joiner, Charlie, S.D.	34	440	12.9	33 2
McMillan, Randy, Ind.	34	289	8.5	45 (
Franklin, Byron, Sea.	33	547	16.6	49
Hector, Johnny, Jets	33	302	9.2	23 (
Cmith loff K.C	22	230	7.0	18
Williams, John L., Sea.	33	219	6.6	23 (
Johnson, Vance, Den.		363	11.7	134
Johnson, Trumaine, S.D.		399	13.3	30
Holohan, Pete, S.D.		356	12.3	34
Woolfolk, Butch, Hou.		314	11.2	30
Mack, Kevin, Clev.		292	10.4	44
Erenberg, Rich, Pitt.		217	8.0	19
Winder, Sammy, Den.	26	171	6.6	120
Beach, Pat, Ind.		265	10.6	26
Bentley, Albert, Ind.		230	9.2	
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1	NO	YARDS	AVIC	LONG	TO
1	Hawkins, Frank, Raiders 25	166	6.6	16	0
1	Hawthorne, Greg, N.E	192	8.0	17	0
	Rozier, Mike, Hou 24		7.5	23	0
ı	Hester, Jessie, Raiders 23	632	27.5	181	6
П	Sewell, Steve, Den	294	12.8	40	1
ŀ	Moore, Ricky, Buff 23	184	8.0	27	0
1.	James, Lionel, S.D. 23	173	7.5	18	0
I	Mobley, Orson, Den. 22	332	15.1	32	1
1	Skansi, Paul, Sea	271	12.3	30	0
1	Boyer, Mark, Ind	237	10.8	1000	1
1	Williams, Jamie, Hou	227	10.3		1
I	Harmon, Ronnie, Buff 22	185	8.4	27	1
ı	Carson, Carlos, K.C 21	497	23.7	170	4
ł	Sweeney, Calvin, Pitt 21	337	16.0	58	1
ı	Sampson, Clinton, Den 21	259	12.3	43	0
ı	Gothard, Preston, Pitt 21	246	11.7	34	1
ı	Davenport, Ron, Mia 20	177	8.9	27	1
П	Arnold, Walt, K.C 20	169	8.5	27	1
۱	Butler, Raymond, Sea 19	351	18.5	167	4
П	Johnson, Dan, Mia 19	170	8.9	20	4
1	Green, Boyce, K.C 19	137	7.2	17	0
1	Barksdale, Rod, Raiders 18	434	24.1	157	2
ı	Turner, Daryl, Sea	334	18.6	172	7
1	Drewrey, Willie, Hou	299	16.6	31	0
	James, Craig, N.E 18	129	7.2	17	0
	Paige, Tony, Jets	121	6.7	18	0
1	Thompson, Weegie, Pitt 17	191	11.2	20	5
	Wallace, Ray, Hou	177	10.4	135	2
	Jackson, Earnest, Pitt	169	9.9	28	0
1	Heard, Herman, K.C	83	4.9	13	0
1	Starring, Stephen, N.E 16	295	18.4	47	2
1	McGee, Tim, Cin	276	17.3	51	1
1	Wonsley, George, Ind 16	175	10.9	60	0
1	Gill, Owen, Ind 16	137	8.6	15	0
	Butier, Jerry, Buff	302	20.1	53	2
1	Pruitt, James, Mia 15	235	15.7	27	2
1	Kay, Clarence, Den	195	13.0	34	1
1	Klever, Rocky, Jets	150	10.0	21	0
1	Tice, Mike, Sea	150	10.0	25	0
1	Tatupu, Mosi, N.E	145	9.7	25	0
1	Jones, Cedric, N.E	222	15.9		1
1	Kinnebrew, Larry, Cin	136	10.5	31	1
1	Hudson, Gordon, Sea	131	10.1	30	1
1	Lang, Gene, Den	105	8.1	26	2
1	Byrum, Carl, Bull	104	8.0 7.9	17	1 0
1	McCallum, Napoleon, Raiders . 13	103	7.9	22	0
1	Bell, Greg, Buff	142	11.8	140	2
1	Coffman, Paul, K.C	75	6.3	10	2
1	Kattus, Eric, Cin	99	9.0	28	1
	McGee, Buford, S.D 10	105	10.5	18	0
1	Hughes, David, Pitt 10	98	9.8	22	0
ŀ	Dickey, Curtis, Clev 10	78	7.8	12	0
ı	Harry, Emile, K.C 9	211	23.4	53	1
1	Capers, Wayne, Ind 9	118	13.1	27	0
1	Weathers, Clarence, Clev 9	100	11.1	16	0
I.	Moriarty, Larry, HousK.C 9	67	7.4	19	0
1	Sohn, Kurt, Jels	129	16.1	124	2
1	Wilkins, Gary. Buff 8	74	9.3	26	0
ı	Hayes, Jonathan, K.C 8	69	8.6	16	0
1	Pruitt, Mike, K.C 8	56	7.0	13	0
l	Scott, Willie, N.E 8	41	5.1	18	3
1	Banks, Chuck, Hou	71 .	10.1	17	0
1	LaFleur, Greg, Ind	56	8.0	11	0
ı	Jennings, Stanford, Cin 6	86	14.3	34	0
ľ	Moffett, Tim. Raiders 6	77	12.8	17	0
	Teal, Jimmy, Buff 6	60	10.0	20	1
1	Mueller, Vance, Raiders 6 Spencer Tim S.D 6	54	9.0	20	0
	Spencer, Tim, S.D 6 Kreider Steve Cin 5	48 96	8.0	15	0
	Kreider, Steve, Cin	50	19.2	23 t20	1
	Barber, Marion, Jets	36	7.2	16	0
1	Smith, Tim, Hou	72	18.0	25	0
1	Akiu, Mike, Hou 4	67	16.8	27	0
	Hancock, Anthony, K.C 4	63	15.8	25	0
1	Holt, Harry, Clev 4	61	15.3	34	1
1	Rolle, Butch, Buff 4	56	14.0	20	0
	Harbour, James, Ind 4	46	11.5	28	0
	Wilson, Stanley, Cin 4	45	11.3	34	0
	Bennett, Woody, Mia 4	33	8.3	13	0
	Adams, Curtis, S.D 4	26	6.5	10	0
	Broughton, Walter, Buff 3	71	23.7	57	0
	Martin, Mike, Cin	68	22.7	51	0
1	Greer, Terry, Clev	51	17.0	22	0
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	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG TD
Richardson, Eric, Buff	3	49	16.3	32 0
Hackett, Joey, Den.	3	48	16.0	19 0
Sherwin, Tim, Ind.	3	26	8.7	15 1
Lane, Eric, Sea	3	6	2.0	4 1
Junkin, Trey, Raiders	2	38	19.0	19 0
Williams, Derwin, N.E	2	35	17.5	26 0
Murray, Walter, Ind	2	34	17.0	24 0
Tucker, Travis, Clev	2	29	14.5	16 0
Sanders, Chuck, Pitt	2	19	9.5	10 0
Pollard, Frank, Pitt	2	15	7.5	10 0
Sievers, Eric, S.D.	2	14	7.0	9 0
Pattison, Mark, Raiders	2	12	6.0	6 0
Bell, Ken, Den.	2		5.0	7 0
Parker, Andy, Raiders	2	8	4.0	6 1
Munoz, Anthony, Cin.	2	7	3.5	t5 2
Bligen, Dennis, Jets	2	6	3.0	4 0
Reeder, Dan, Pitt	2	4	2.0	3 0
Wilson, Steve, Den	1	43	43.0	t43 1
Martin, Robbie, Ind.	1	41	41.0	41 0
Elway, John, Den		23	23.0	123 1
Weathers, Robert, N.E.	1	14	14.0	14 0
Townsell, JoJo, Jets	1 1	11	11.0	11 0
Ware, Timmie, S.D	1	11	11.0	11 0
McNeil, Gerald, Clev	1	9	9.0	9 0
Carter, Joe, Mia.	1	6	6.0	6 0
Holloway, Brian, N.E.	1	5	5.0	5 0
Bailey, Edwin, Sea	1	3	3.0	3 0
Studdard, Dave, Den	1		2.0	t2 1
Kosar, Bernie, Clev.	1	1	1.0	1 0
Kenney, Bill, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0 0

INTERCEPTIONS

RECORDS:

RECORDS:
Number: 13, Lester Hayes, Oakland (1980)
Yards: 349, Charlie McNeil, San Diego (1961)
Longest return: 102 yards
Gary Barbaro, Kansas City (1977)
Louis Breeden, Cincinnati (1981)
TDs: 4, Ken Houston, Houston (1971)
4, Jim Kearney, Kansas City (1972)

NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Cherry, Deron, K.C 9	150	16.7	49	-0
Lippett, Ronnie, N.E 8	76	9.5	43	0
McElroy, Vann, Raiders 7	105	15.0	28	0
Breeden, Louis, Cin 7	72	10.3	t36	1
Harden, Mike, Den 6	179	29.8	52	2
Holmes, Jerry, Jets 6	29	4.8	28	0
Burruss, Lloyd, K.C 5	193	38.6	172	3
Brown, Dave, Sea 5	58	11.6	24	1
Byrd, Gill, S.D 5	45	9.0	18	Ò
Lyles, Lester, Jels 5	36	7.2	22	0
Lynn, Johnny, Jets 5	36	7.2	26	0
Dixon, Hanford, Clev 5	35	7.0	19	0
	153	38.3	50	0
Dale, Jeffery, S.D 4				
Ross, Kevin, K.C 4	66	16.5	35	.0
Robinson, Jerry, Raiders 4	42	10.5	132	1
Coleman, Leonard, Ind 4	36	9.0	31	0
Justin, Kerry, Sea 4	29	7.3	18	0
Romes, Charles, Buff 4	23	5.8	23	0
Fulcher, David, Cin 4	20	5.0	15	0
Lewis, Albert, K.C 4	18	4.5	13	0
Seale, Sam, Raiders 4	2	0.5	2	0
Sanchez, Lupe, Pitt 3	71	23.7	t67	1
Hill, Greg, K.C 3	64	21.3	126	1
Wright, Louis, Den 3	56	18.7	56	0
Williams, Eric, Pitt 3	44	14.7	25	0
Robinson, Eugene, Sea 3	39	13.0	25	0
Moyer, Paul, Sea 3	38	12.7	20	0
Wright, Felix, Clev 3	33	11.0	33	0
Cocroft, Sherman, K.C 3	32	10.7	13	0
Shell, Donnie, Pitt 3	29	9.7	17	0
Woods, Rick, Pitt 3	26	8.7	23	0
yday, Allen, Hou	24	8.0	24	0
Lilly, Tony, Den	22	7.3	15	0
Allen, Patrick, Hou 3	20	6.7	18	0
Minnifield, Frank, Clev 3	20	6.7	- 20	C
Clayton, Harvey, Pitt 3	18	6.0	14	C
Daniel, Eugene, Ind 3	11	3.7	5	Č
Hinkle, Bryan, Pitt 3	7	2.3	6	C
Clayborn, Ray, N.E	4	1.3	4	0
Rose, Don, Mia 2	63	31.5	36	0
Marion, Fred. N.E				
	56	28.0	137	1
Burroughs, Derrick, Buff 2	49	24.5	41	0
McNeal, Don, Mia 2	46	23.0	29	0
McGrew, Larry, N.E 2	44	22.0	27	0
Rockins, Chris, Cleve 2 Foley, Steve, Den 2	41	20.5	24	0
FILLIAN SIPVE LIPIT	39	19.5	24	0

	Brown, Steve, Hou 2	34	17.0	38	0
l	Easley, Ken, Sea 2	34	17.0	24	0
۱	Glenn, Vencie, S.D 2	31	15.5	31	0
۱	Haynes, Mike, Raiders 2	28	14.0	22	0
١	Toran, Stacey, Raiders 2	28	14.0	19	0
ı	O'Neal, Leslie, S.D 2	22	11.0	17	1
١	Nelson, Steve, N.E 2	21	10.5	17	0
ı	Eason, Bo, Hou. 2 Hicks, Dwight, Ind. 2	16	8.0	11	0
i	Hicks, Dwight, Ind 2	16	8.0	16	0
l	Merriweather, Mike, Pitt 2	14	7.0	11	0
ı	Ellis, Ray, Clev	12	6.0	7	0
١	Ellis, Ray, Clev	12	6.0	8	0
Ì	Bickett, Duane, Ind 2	10	5.0	10	0
	Blackwood, Glenn, Mia 2	10	5.0	7	0
J	Scholtz, Bruce, Sea 2	10	5.0	10	0
l	Clifton, Kyle, Jets 2	8	4.0	7	0
į	Barker, Leo, Cin 2	7	3.5	7	0
ı	Barnes, Jeff, Raiders 2	7	3.5	7	0
į	Hayes, Lester, Raiders 2	7	3.5	7	0
	Johnson, Richard, Hou 2	6	3.0	6	0
Ì	Judson, William, Mia 2	0	0.0	0	0
l	Lyles, Robert, Hou 2	0	0.0	0	0
ı	Taylor, Terry, Sea 2	0	0.0	0	0
ì	Holf, John, Ind 1	80	80.0	80	0
l	Rembert, Johnny, N.E 1	37	37.0	37	0
ì	Adams, Stefon, Raiders 1	32	32.0	32	0
	Harper, Mark, Clev 1	31	31,0	31	0
ı	Hamilton, Harry, Jets 1	29	29.0	29	0
Ì	Crable, Bob, Jets 1	26	26.0	26	0
ı	Spani, Gary, K.C.	24	24.0	24	0
1	Brown, Donald, S.D 1	23	23.0	23	0
i	Hunley, Ricky, Den 1	22	22.0	22	0
ı	Radecic, Scott, K.C.	20	20.0	20	0
1	Bussey, Barney, Cin 1	19	19.0	19	0
ı	Zander, Carl, Cin 1	18	18.0	18	0
ı	Martin, Rod, Raiders 1	15	15.0	15	0
l	Bellinger, Rodney, Buff 1	14	14,0	14	0
ı	Blackwood, Lyle, Mia 1		14.0	14	0
ı	Offerdahl, John, Mia 1	14	14.0	14	0
ı	McKenzie, Reggie, Raiders . 1	9	9.0	9	0
ı	Gaines, Greg, Sea	8	8.0		0
ı	ridital data man- i min-	8	8.0 6.0	8	0
ı		5	5.0	5	0
ı	Dennison, Rick, Den	4	4.0	4	0
1	Armstrong, Havey, Ind. 1 Horton, Ray, Cin. 1	4	4.0	4	0
ı	Brown, Bud, Mia.	3	3.0	3	0
	McSwain, Rod. N.E 1	3	3.0	3	0
ı		3	3.0	3	0
	Smerlas, Fred, Buff 1 Charles, Mike, Mia 1	2	2.0	2	0
ı	Cooks, Johnie, Ind 1	1	1.0	1	0
Ì	Bayless, Martin, Buff 1	Ó	0.0	Ó	0
Ì	Roctic Keith Hou	0	0.0	0	0
ı	Bostic, Keith, Hou. 1 Daniel, Kenny, Ind 1	0	0.0	0	0
	Donaldson, Jeff, Hou 1	0	0.0	0	0
ı	Freeman, Steve, Buff 1	0	0.0	0	0
ı	Hackett, Dino, K.C.	0	0.0	0	0
ı	Kozlowski, Mike, Mia 1	0	0.0	0	0
١	Smith, Dennis, Den. 1	0	0.0	0	0
ı	Taylor, Ken, S.D 1	0	0.0	0	0
ı	Wilson, Steve, Den 1	-5	-5.0	-5	0
ĺ	This order, Date	J	Jiu		
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KICKOFF RETURNS

RECORDS:

Number: 55, Bruce Harper, New York (1978, 1979)
55, David Turner, Cincinnati (1979)
Yards: 1,317, Bobby Jancik, Houston (1963)
Longest: 106 yards, Noland Smith, Kansas City (1967)
TDs: 3, Ray Clayborn, New England (1977)

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Sanchez, Lupe, Pitt	25	591	23.6	64	0
McGee, Tim, Cin	43	1007	23.4	94	0
Humphery, Bobby, Jets		655	23.4	196	1
Bell, Ken, Den	23	531	23.1	42	0
Lang, Gene, Den	21	480	22.9	42	0
Edmonds, Bobby Joe, Sea	34	764	22.5	46	0
Starring, Stephen, N.E	36	802	22.3	52	0
Ellis, Craig, Mia	25	541	21.6	41	0
Bentley, Albert, Ind	32	687	21.5	37	0
Adams, Stefon, Raiders	27	573	21.2	51	0
McNeil, Gerald, Clev	47	997	21.2	t100	1
Morris, Randall, Sea.	23	465	20.2	38	0
Anderson, Gary, S.D.	24	482	20.1	35	0
Drewrey, Willie, Hou	25	500	20.0	32	0
Pinkett, Allen, Hou	26	519	20.0	48	. 0

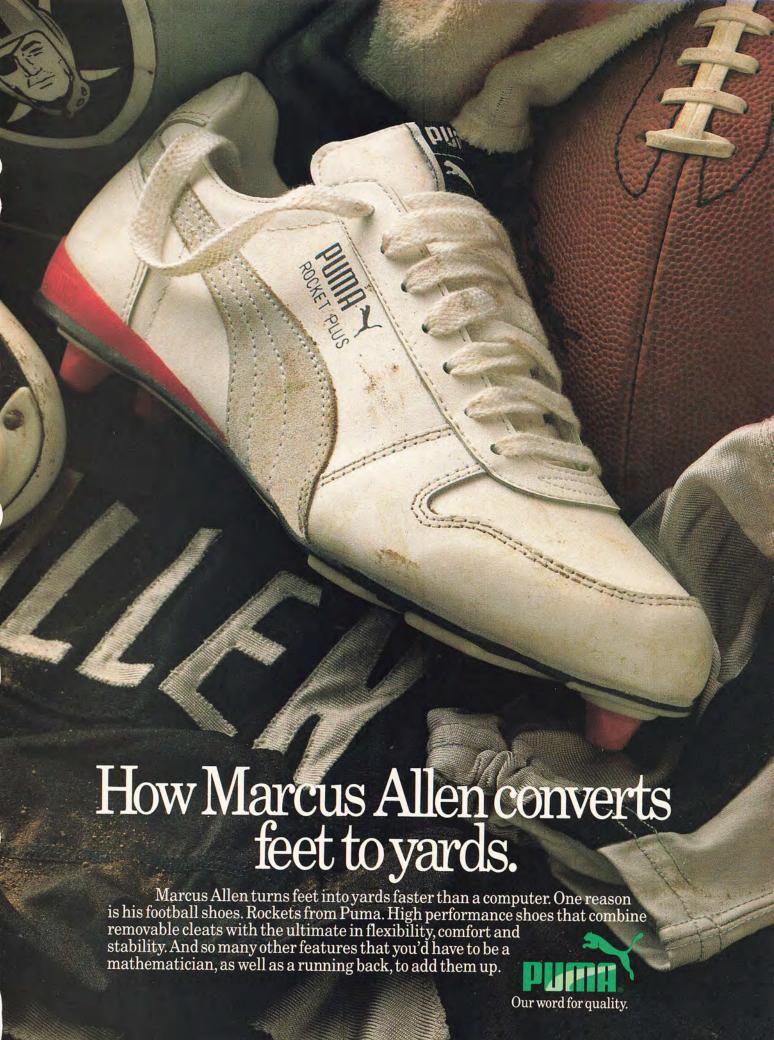
NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Smith, Jeff, K.C	557	19.2	29	0
Martin, Robbie, Ind21	385	18.3	27	0
Walker, Fulton, Raiders23		16.0	27	0.
NON-QUALIFIERS (4 or more)				
Harmon, Ronnie, Buff18	321	17.8	32	0
James, Lionel, S.D	315	17.5	31	0
Davenport, Ron, Mia16	285	17.8	37	0
Townsell, JoJo, Jets	322	24.8	193	1
Jennings, Stanford, Cin	257	21.4	41	0
Tasker, Steve, HouBuff12	213	17.8	24	0
Broughton, Walter, Buff11	243	22.1	39	0
Green, Boyce, K.C10	254	25.4	197	1
Fryar, Irving, N.E10	192	19.2	33	0
Hampton, Lorenzo, Mia 9	182	20.2	25	0
Carter, Joe, Mia 9	133	14.8	22	0
Riddick, Robb, Buff 8	200	25.0	49	0
McCallum, Napoleon, Raiders 8	183	22.9	59	0
Sanders, Chuck, Pitt 8	148	18.5	29	0
Brooks, Bill, Ind 8	148	17.9	24	0
Sohn, Kurt, Jets 7	124	17.7	36	0
Fontenot, Herman, Clev 7	99	14.1	19	0
Harper, Michael, Jets 7	71	10.1	19	0
Richardson, Eric, Buff 6	123	20.5	28	0
Harry, Emile, K.C	115	19.2	26	0
Daniel, Kenny, Ind5	109	21.8	30	0
Adams, Curtis, S.D 5	100	20.0	25	
Carson, Carlos, K.C	88	17.6	29	0
Spencer, Tim, S.D 5	81	16.2	21	0
Wyatt, Kevin, S.D 5	74	14.8	23	0
Gill, Owen, Ind 5	73	14.6	28	0
Martin, Mike, Cin 4	83	20.8	21	0
Moriarty, Larry, K.C 4	80	20.0	23	0
Jones, Cedric, N.E 4	63	15.8		
Langhorne, Reggie, Clev 4	57	14.3	20	0
Reeder, Dan, Pitt 4	52	13.0	17	0
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PUNT RETURNS

RECORDS:

Number: 62, Fulton Walker, Los Angeles (1985) Yards: 692, Fulton Walker, Los Angeles (1985) Longest for TD: 97 yards, Greg Pruitt, Los Angeles (1983)

		W. 175.71	THE PARTY	200	100
NO	FC		SAVG	LONG	
Edmonds, Bobby Joe, Sea 34	14		12.3	175	1
Willhite, Gerald, Den 42	8	468	11.1	t70	1
Fryar Irving, N.E	10	366	10.5	t59	1
Anderson, Gary, S.D 25	10	227	9.1	30	0
Walker, Fulton, Raiders 49	15	440	9.0	-t70	1
Woods, Rick, Pitt 33	12	294	8.9	41	0
McNeil, Gerald, Clev 40	10	348	8.7	184	1
Smith, Jeff, K.C 29	11	245	8.4	48	0
Sohn, Kurt, Jets	8	289	8.3	27	0
Drewrey, Willie, Hou 34	13	262	7.7	25	0
Ellis, Craig, Mia 24	1	149	6.2	17	0
NON-QUALIFIERS					
Pitts, Ron, Buff	11	194	10.8	149	1
Brooks Bill, Ind 18	7	141	7.8	18	0
Martin, Robbie, Ind 17	5	109	6.4	25	0
Martin, Mike, Cin	6	96	7.4	14	0
Brouhgton, Walter, Buff 12	2	53	4.4	13	0
Pruitt, James, Mia	1	150	13.6	171	
Horton, Ray, Cin	3	111	10.1	25	0
James, Lionel, S.D 9	6	94	10.4	21	0
Givins, Earnest, Hou 8	0	80	10.0	17	0
McCallum, Napoleon, Raiders . 7	1	44	6.3	13	0
Harry, Emile, K.C 6	7	20	3.3	7	0
Starring, Stephen, N.E 6	0	18	3.0	12	0
Skansi, Paul, Sea 5	0	38	7.6	14	0
Townsell, JoJo, Jets 4	1	52	13.0	28	0
Johnson, Vance, Den	0	36	12.0	19	0
McGee, Tim, Cin	4	21	7.0	9	0
Lipps, Louis, Pitt	1	16	5.3	10	0
Chandler, Wes, S.D. 3	0	13	4.3	10	0
Jackson, Mark, Den. 2	0	7	3.5	6	0
Simmons, John. Cin	4	7	3.5	6	0
Harden, Mike, Den	0	41	41.0		1
Marion, Fred, N.E.	1	12	12.0		0
Slaughter, Webster, Clev 1	0	2	2.0	2	0
Blackwood, Glenn, Mia 1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Blackwood, Lyle, Mia	0		0.0		0
Clayton, Mark, Mia	0	0	0.0	0	0
	0	0	0.0	0	0
Hill, Rod, Buff	0	0	0.0	0	0
	0	0	0.0	0	0
Thompson, Reyna, Mia 1 Pinkett, Allen, Hou 1	2	-	-1.0	-1	0
	6	-1	-2.0	0	0
Moore, Nat, Mia	0	-4	-2.0	U	U



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Kings, 17 mg. "tar", 1.2 mg. nicotine; 100's, 17 mg. "tar", 1.3 mg. nicotine; Lights Kings, 10 mg. "tar", 0.8 mg. nicotine; Lights 100's, 11 mg. "tar", 0.9 mg. nicotine; Menthol Kings, 18 mg. "tar", 1.2 mg. nicotine av. per cigarette by FTC method.

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